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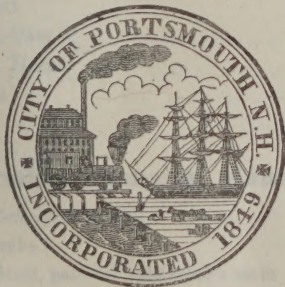
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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

ON ACCOUNT OF

THE CITY FARM,

BY DANIEL P. SCOTT, SUPERINTENDENT.

EXPENDITURES.

Labor.

William Philbrick	200 24
David Munsey	169 06
Wentworth Dame	11 54
William Cate	9 50
Ephraim Pickering	21 00
William S. Barber	20 25
E. A. G. Holmes	11 25
John A. Cate	24 50
Haven Scott	51 33
John and Phillip Woods	8 50
Charles McCarthy	4 37
Walter Scott	12 00
Alpheus D. Cate	15 75
Andrew G. Horn	3 50
James Cate	15 00

Farming Utensils, Manure, &c.

John Marden, cedar stakes	2 00
Phineas Drake	50
Daniel P. Scott, paid for cultivator's teeth	60
Haven Scott, alder withes	13 00
Moses O. Demeritt, birch withes	9 00

Walter Scott, making cider	18 67
Nath'l Dennett, weighing hay, &c.	4 74
John Shannon, butchering cattle, &c.	8 25
Stephen Tarlton, labor	3 75
John Bennett, manure	1 75
Gookin & Chase, ground plaster	4 50
Leonard Cotton, salt	11 20
Aaron Akerman, clover seed	6 40
A. Q. Wendell, scythes, forks, &c.	13 89
Joseph Whidden, shoeing horses	12 25
James Thompson, plow points	1 80
William Simes & Co. grass seed, &c.	26 89
Benj. Carter, Jr. baskets	1 50
G. J. Greenleaf, setting tires	5 00
Raynes & Neal, Manilla rope	6 56
John H. Bailey, hoes, &c.	3 67
Solomon Seymour, shoeing oxen and iron work	46 89
James Nowell, winnowing mill	7 00
Alfred Emery, setting tires, &c.	2 33
Timothy Tucker, axletree, &c.	6 52
Bennett & Treadwell, shovels and forks	8 42
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	804 87
Paid Overseers of the Poor in sundry payments	1824 59
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	2629 46

RECEIPTS.

Received for sundry debts due prior to March 1, 1855, and for produce of the Farm raised prior to that time, viz.:

Joy & Colcord	6 60
Brown, Treadwell & Co.	10 40
James Cate	3 10
	<hr/> 20 10

Received for Produce sold (raised the present year,) and other

contingent receipts :	
Apples	308 30
Beets	7 52
Butter	28 24

Barley	1 00
Beans	55 12
Board	4 00
Bull, use of	15 50
Corn, green	3 51
Cream and milk	3 82
Cider	55 00
Carrots	26 55
Cabbages	133 22
Contingent receipts	34 39
Hay	1225 25
Husks	52 85
Hides	14 95
Lard	4 76
Labor performed off the farm	258 69
Onions	36 06
Peas, green	36 90
Parsnips	10 41
Poultry and eggs	25 36
Pigs	39 25
Pears	5 00
Pasturing, calves sold, difference in purchase and sale of cattle, &c.	86 88
Squashes	1 15
Straw	35 24
Tallow	17 93
Turnips	4 47
Rent of farm house	32 00
Work room	46 04
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Portsmouth, March 12th, 1856.

Errors excepted.

DANIEL P. SCOTT, *Superintendent.*

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

BY THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

ENDING MARCH, 1856.

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses prior to 1855.

Frederick Rowe, for beef	5 90
William M. Shackford, towards the support of Sarah H. Jackman	40 50
Joseph D. Pillow, surveying wood	2 80
Thomas Brackett, conveying Mrs. Sullivan to Alms-house	1 00
E. M. Robbins & Co. dry goods	10 05
	<hr/> 60 25

Provisions.

Joseph B. Currier, for beef, mutton and veal	839 44
Charles Robinson, flour and corn	164 50
J. & H. Eldredge, flour, corn and fish	238 25
John K. Pickering, corn and flour	467 63
Jenness, Son & Co., sugar, coffee and rice	75 50
Jenness & Co. molasses, coffee and fish	247 45
James Nowell, pork and fish	198 92
Joseph Harvey, rice, cocoa shells, &c.	61 81
Joseph G. Sise, coffee and tea	50 16
Horton D. Walker, beef	113 12
Charles E. Loughton, rice	63 03
Reuben Randall, fresh fish	11 33
Benjamin Carter, jr., tea	28 38
William Bodge, cocoa shells	13 00
Shapleigh, Kelsey & Co., rice	74 14
Joseph Holmes, beef and mutton	44 21
Samuel Sherive, fresh fish	11 95
Mathes & Varrell, fish	2 02
Augustus Lord, rye	17 50
Staples & Wilson, fresh fish	26 58
F. W. Rogers, salt and flour	49 96
John Goodrich, paid freight on rice	1 00
J. B. Upham & Co., salt	2 64
Joseph W. Whidden, beef cattle	145 00
Walter Scott, cow	30 00
J. M. & T. J. Sheldon, mutton	8 45
J. Sewall, beef	62
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Clothing.

John R. Holbrook, making canvas jackets	21 36
Benj. Cheever, jacket, buck and woolen mitts	13 67
Daniel Knight & Co., hat and cap	3 75
Moses H. Goodrich, leather	15 86
Joseph B. Chase, leather	14 88
William G. Cole, leather	11 60
Nathaniel K. Walker, hats and caps	3 25
Walter Scott, woolen yarn	9 84
Hill & Carr, leather, &c.	1 75
George Henderson, dry goods	11 65
Jones & Mendum, dry goods	172 47
J. G. Carr, boots, shoes, &c.	20 23
E. M. Robbins & Co. dry goods	27 86
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Repairs.

John H. Bailey, nails, lead, &c.	28 40
George Whitehouse, mason work	46 50
John C. Donnell, labor	30 15
Joseph Jones, mason's work	47 12
Daniel Neil, carpenter's work	37 00
Alfred D. Moses, do.	30 25
William Bodge, paid for slate, &c.	8 04
James Shapleigh, bricks	13 00
Barker, Adams & Co., cement, lime, sand and lumber	47 11
George J. Smart, whitewashing	14 62
Andrew D. Gerrish, slating nails	1 00
Solomon Seymour, nails, staples, &c.	1 25
Major Hooper, hackmatack knees	2 85
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Thanksgiving Dinner.

Daniel P. Scott, paid for turkies and baker's bread	25 48
William Bodge, raisins and spices	5 33
	<hr/> 30 81
Less received interest on the Hon. C. S. Toppan's dona- tion for the benefit of the Poor of the Alms-house	18 00
	<hr/> 12 81

Physician and Hospital Stores.

William R. Preston, for truss	5 50
Dr. Adams Perry, for services as Physician	60 00
Parry & Plummer, bread	31 00
	<hr/> 94 50

Insane.

Board and expenses at the Insane Asylum, Concord,
N. H. of Harriet C. Hall

89 54

Contingent.

William C. Hatch, express wagon	125 00
Joseph G. Sise, tobacco	20 16
James Larrabee, 2 sets harness	58 00
William Bodge, brooms, starch, &c.	6 00
Samuel Cleaves & Son, carriage	175 00
do. oil and wicking	39 28
Thomas L. Tullock, oven frames	8 00
Jenness & Co. snuff	3 71
A. Q. Wendell, clothes lines	1 25
John W. Stocking, visits and medicine to sick horse	2 00
Lafayette Loughton, brooms	3 00
G. N. Carleton, buckets	1 25
Auction, one sleigh	22 38
Mathes & Varrell, tobacco	22 23
Uriah Blaisdell, box stove	3 00
Raynes & Neil, spunkyarn, &c.	3 38
Oliver Ayers, repairs on pumps	4 75
William Cartledge, horse	147 50
John Sise, crockery	16 17
A. J. Beck, repairs on sleigh	6 09
Barker, Adams & Co. lime	1 00
James F. Shores, jr., school books	3 42
Daniel P. Scott, paid sundry County paupers' expenses to Portland, Boston, &c.	16 41
Sarah E. Scott, for services	65 00
Eastern Rail-Road, freight of rice	1 25
Bennett & Treadwell, slating nails, sad irons, &c.	4 57
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Superintendent.

Daniel P. Scott, services ending March 23, 1856 400 00

Secretary of Board of Overseers.

John Bennett, services as secretary, and taking evidence in
supporting county account 60 00

Wood and Coal for Alms House.

Gookin & Chase for wood	689 00
Conn & Andrews for wood	94 17
F. W. Rogers for coal	29 96
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Wood for Out-Door Pensioners.

Conn & Andrews for wood	354 38
Nath'l Wiggin for wood	7 50
J. J. Mason & Co. advertising for wood	1 00
Gookin & Chase for wood	1026 52
Town of Newington for wood	9 00
R. J. Bean for wood	2 50
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Out-Door Pensioners.

Edward S. Gove, board of James Wood	23 95
E. H. Willey, board of Mary E. Lee	8 00
Amos Abbott, expenses of John H. Walden to Wenham	3 05
John Downing, support of William H. Berry	17 33
Walker Marshall, support of Catharine Hall one year	25 00
William Bodge, supply to county pensioners	29 43
John S. Akerman, support of Charlotte Ingersoll one year	26 00
F. W. Rogers, supplies to county pensioners	9 15
John Buzzell & Co. shoes	1 25
John Stavers, shoes	2 25
James W. Goodrich, support of Abigail Hoit one year	52 00
Dr. William Loughton, medical attendance	2 00
Hill & Carr, shoes for county pensioners	2 20
J. C. Carr, " "	7 75
John Bennett, cash paid to city pensioners	669 95
" " county pensioners	231 52
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	<hr/> 8423 79

RECEIPTS.

Balance of last year	79 95
Received of Town of New-Castle	26 00
of Town of Rye	9 00
for board of Alexander Munn	4 00
for board of Joanna Donnavan	25 00
for old carriage sold at auction	9 40
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from the County of Rockingham for support of county paupers, and supplies furnished from the Alms House to county paupers not in the Alms House	1355 85
for partial support and assistance rendered to county paupers not in Alms House	439 10
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of Daniel P. Scott, Superintendent, balance of his account	1824 59
Appropriation by the City	3650 00
Additional appropriation	1050 00
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Receipts	8472 89
Expenditures	8423 79

Balance	49 10
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Portsmouth, March 15, 1856.

HORTON D. WALKER, Mayor.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS, WILLIAM BODGE, LEVI MOSES,	}	Overseers of the Poor.

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES

BY THE

SUPERINTEND'T & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Expenses prior to 1855 paid by Overseers	60 25
Labor	577 79
Farming Utensils, Manure, &c.	227 08
Provisions	2986 57
Clothing	328 17
Repairs	307 29
Thanksgiving Dinner	12 81
Physician and Hospital Stores	94 50
Contingent	759 80
Superintendent	400 00
Wood and Coal for Alms-house	813 13
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Less for supplies furnished Out-Door Pensioners	165 97
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Expenditures at the Alms-house	6341 17

Secretary of Board of Overseers	60 00
Wood for Out-Door Pensioners	1400 90
Out-Door Pensioners	1110 83
To which add supplies furnished Out-Door Pensioners from Alms-house	165 97
Insane	89 54
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DITTO RECEIPTS.

Balance of last year's account	79 95
Rec'd of the Superintendent for debts due prior to March 1, 1855	20 10
Superintendent from receipts of farm, &c.	2609 36
for board of Alexander Munn	4 00
for board of Joanna Donovan	25 00
from the County of Rockingham for support of County paupers at the Alms House	1355 85
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Total receipts from farm and support of County paupers at Alms House	3994 21
from Town of New-Castle	26 00
from town of Rye	9 00
for old carriage sold at auction	9 40
from the County of Rockingham for partial sup- port and assistance rendered to County pau- pers not in the Alms House	439 10
	<hr/> 488 50
Appropriation by the City	3650 00
Additional appropriation	1050 00
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Receipts	9277 76
Expenditures	9228 66
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Balance	49 10

Stock on hand at the City Farm, March 10, 1856.

4 yoke oxen, average \$160 yoke	640 00
7 cows, average \$35 each	245 00
1 bull	40 00
2 horses	190 00
9 hogs, weighing 2340 lbs at 7c	163 80
30 tons of hay at \$20	600 00
1-2 tons straw at \$10	15 00
1 pair ox wheels and cart	40 00
3 hay carts	12 00
1 cart body	7 00
2 manure carts and 2 ox wagons	245 00
3 ox sleds	27 00
3 ox harrows	20 00
1 ox cultivator	10 00
1 horse cultivator and harrow	17 00
1 pair trucks and harness	10 00
1 horse cart	10 00
1 new market wagon and harness	150 00
2 old market wagons	40 00
1 small wagon	25 00
1 new carriage and harness	200 00
1 sleigh	35 00
1 new sleigh	23 00
2 old sleighs and harness	25 00
2 buffalo robes	8 00
3 wheelbarrows	5 00
2 axle trees and drafts	10 00
7 ox yokes and bows	27 00
lot of old yokes	2 00
lot of scythes and snaths	8 00
8 chains	12 00
4 crowbars	3 00
9 iron shovels	6 75
13 hoes	4 00
1 hay cutter	3 00
lot of manure forks	2 00
1 scraper and cutter	6 00
2 picks	2 50
1 hay hook	1 00
7 plows	56 00
2 horse rakes	8 00
lot of hay forks	7 50
lot of hand rakes	1 50

3 drag rakes	2 00
5 sickles	2 50
set of block wheels, platform and plank dray	5 00
lot of garden tools	5 00
cattle slings, wheel and fall	20 00
1 patent hay press	135 00
1 hay press	20 00
1 winnowing mill	7 00
168 loads of vault manure at \$3	504 00
75 " barn " 2	150 00
40 " fresh mud manure at \$1	40 00
1 grind stone and crank	4 00
set of rock drills, picks and hammers,	5 00
carpenters, joiners and coopers tools	30 00
lot of baskets and measures	3 00
lot of garden seeds	12 00
tackle and fall	2 00
3 wood saws	3 00
2 narrow axes	3 00
scales, beam and weight	10 00
25 galls. lamp oil at 92c. 3 3-4 lbs. wicking at 33c	24 24
11 barrels soap at \$3	33 00
19 coffins at \$2.50	47 50
200 bushels yellow corn at \$1	200 00
20 " yellow flat corn at 80c	16 00
42 " rye at \$1.33	55 86
64 " barley at 80c	51 20
17 " beans at \$2.75	46 75
2 " peas at \$1.50	3 00
376 " potatoes at 42c	157 92
2 bushels onions	2 00
lot of beets	6 00
3 tons of rutta бага turnips	27 00
lot of carrots	4 00
lot of parsnips	20 00
8 barrels clear pork at \$20	160 00
20 1-2 barrels mess beef at \$14	187 00
90 lbs bacon at 12c	10 80
800 " pollock fish at 2.50	20 00
400 " rice at 6c	24 00
150 " sugar at 9c	13 50
150 galls. molasses at 36c	54 00
50 lbs. of tea at 33c	16 50
60 " of coffee at 11c	6 60
50 " of cocoa shells at 13c	6 50
9 " salæratus at 6c	54

15 lbs. pepper at 14c	2 10
1 barrel flour \$10. Crackers \$3	13 00
2 lbs. starch at 11c	22
70 " tobacco at 19c	13 30
8 " snuff at 20c	1 60
153 " lard at 12c	18 36
28 $\frac{1}{2}$ " butter at 28c	7 84
135 " tallow at 11c	14 85
10 bags table salt at 22c	2 20
lot of ashes	6 25
11 cords hard wood at \$7	77 00
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons coal at \$7	10 50
15 lbs. dried apples at 5c	75
14 pair men's thick shoes at 6s9d	15 75
1 " men's thick boots 15s, 1 do. 12s	4 50
1 " woman's shoes	1 00
5 " children's shoes at 3s	2 50
43 1-2 lbs sole leather at 25c, 20 ft. upper leather at 16c	14 07
1 binding skin	83
25 yds. cotton cloth at 8 1-4c	2 02
62 " calico at 10 1-2c	6 51
17 " woolen frocking, at 50c	8 50
8 " denim at 13 1-2c	1 08
24 " burlap at 14c	3 36
2 3-4 yds. cassimere at 70c	1 92
4 yds. cotton flannel at 10 1-2c	42
3 woolen jackets at \$3	9 00
5 pair woolen pants at 3 50	17 50
2 woolen vests at 1 50	3 00
21 pair thin pants at 75c	15 75
3 thin jackets at 1 00	3 00
4 thin frocks at 50c	2 00
2 woolen frocks at 2 00	4 00
13 pair woolen stockings, at 37 1-2c	4 87
3 thin vests at 37 1-2c	1 12
17 cotton shirts at 50c	8 50
4 cotton flannel shirts at 62c	2 48
4 pair cotton flannel drawers at 75c	3 00
5 skeins woolen yarn at 9d	62
1 lb. thread	88
lot of tape, combs, pins and buttons	1 50
lot of husks	30 00
lot of hard wood stakes	2 00
lot of empty casks	5 00

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Estimated Income of City Farm.

140 tons of hay at \$19	2,660 00
11 " of straw at \$9	99 00
Stocks, butts and husks	140 00
450 bushels yellow corn at \$1	450 00
85 " rye at 1 33	113 05
142 " barley at 80c	113 60
558 " potatoes at 42c	234 36
Beans 125 00, peas 47 00	172 00
Apples 400 00, parsnips 20 00	420 00
Onions 45 00, squashes 5 00	50 00
Ruta-Bags turnips	60 00
Beets 75 00, carrots 60 00	135 00
Cabbages 150 00, garden seeds 12 00	162 00
Vegetables used in the house during summer	100 00
Net income of seven cows	140 00
Labor done off the farm	258 69
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	5,307 70
Expenses keeping oxen and horses	800 00
Interest on the cost of farm	440 00
Expenses of farm as charged	804 87
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Net income of farm	\$3,262 83

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

ON ACCOUNT OF

THE HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE,

BY

ISAIAH WILSON, JONA. DEARBORN & ABRAHAM Q. WENDELL,

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

EXPENDITURES.

Materials.

Paid Eames, Stimson & Co. for stone	337 50
Edward F. Meany, per contract for freestone	750 00
Bennett & Treadwell, nails, &c.	8 70
Gookin & Chase, lime and lumber	369 44
E. A. Stevens, conductors, &c.	71 77
John Goodrich, truckage	12 13
Wendell & Call, lumber and truckage	520 28
N. L. Merrill, slating and lumber	528 51
Raynes & Neil, nails, etc.	242 72
Eastern Railroad, transportation	77 74
Portsmouth Pier Co., wharfage	42 15
George Rogers, bricks	1684 20
Augustus Brown, truckage	1 00
John R. Oxford, do. brick	131 03
J. S. Tompkins, scroll, spire and vane	25 00
Augustus Dixon, windows	127 48
T. L. Tullock, window weights, pillars, &c.	200 42
George Folling, cherry boards	14 36
Andrew J. Ayers, trucking stone	6 00
George Fishley, trucking	2 18
Daniel H. Spinney, butts	2 00
Barker, Adams & Co. lumber, lime, etc.	817 91
Jones & Chesley, lumber, etc.	378 04
Eliza W. Haven, stone	5 35
John Trickey, timber, etc.	839 80
John N. Handy, plank	47 83
Allen Treat, stone, etc.	651 96
A. Q. Wendell, hard ware, etc.	217 59
do. for cash paid for freight	14 39
Eastern Railroad, transportation	1 10

H. G. Twombly, truckage	50
James F. Shores	2 47
Hale & Rollins	8 20
John H. Bailey, window line	3 33
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Materials on which Labor is performed.

Paid John Dame, for blacksmith work	154 04
Ivah N Rugg, planing lumber	82 42
Barnes & Rugg do	103 84
Herman Strater, copper gutters	210 98
Augustus Dickson, windows, etc.	245 86
Gleason & Henderson, carved work	203 70
B. Chapman, tinning, etc.	153 16
Joy & Colcord, patterns	7 88
Joshua Stackpole, division fence	32 14
Elisha Tripp, painting	216 96
Cutter & Parker, doors and blinds	18 50
S. W. Webber	7 42
Due to James Moses 3d. for desks	912 00
	—————2,348 90

Labor.

Paid Andrew D. Walden	15 12
George B. Coval	2 63
Jere. Murphy	15 00
Joseph Marston	20 00
Portsmouth Steam Factory	10 50
Frederick Danielson	2 25
George H. Ham	2 25
George E. Barzantee	10 00
Charles H. Downs	21 00
Dennis Lynch	26 56
George L. Stokell, lathing	44 67
Joshua Stackpole, cupola and portico	336 15
George Whitehouse, masonry	14 47
Edward Tobey	30 00
Paul Hayes, doors	77 90
Thos. Green, plastering, etc.	395 60
Reed V. Rand, for jobs, stairs, &c.	216 79
per pay roll of laborers	2910 19
Deering & Yeaton, use of blocks, &c.	4 00
Isaiah Wilson, for self and apprentice	623 29
S. Shackford and J. Norton, laying floors	113 04
B. Dowing, labor	40 25

James Janvrin, labor	37 50
Samuel Kingsbury, labor	35 00
John Norton, jr. labor	39 81
James M. Locke, for painting in part	100 00
Swasey & Rowell, for paint	1 68
Sylvester Ham, carpenter's work	300 00
Timothy Tucker, use of wheelbarrow, etc.	5 57
Thatcher Emery sawing lumber	12 75
John T. French, carpenter's work	26 56
James Moses 3d, in part for ditto	200 00
Wm. G. Nowell, carpenter's work and teachers' desks	79 81
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Contingent Expenses.

Paid Samuel Gray, expenses to Boston	6 00
Isaiah Wilson, ditto, etc.	33 74
Jonathan Dearborn, ditto, etc.	11 58
Portsmouth Aqueduct	22 70
John Walker, coal	75 03
F. W. Rogers, ditto	22 67
A. Q. Wendell, expenses to Boston, etc.	33 85
J. J. Mason & Co. printing	1 50
Chilson & Gould, furnaces, etc.	460 00
Towle & Foster, drawing plans, etc.	200 00
William Tucker, surveying, etc.	15 84
Leonard Cotton, water casks	1 00
John Bennett, services rendered the building committee	25 00
Horton D. Walker, expenses to Boston and Roxbury	5 30
Dennis Lynch, making fires, etc.	57 00
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	<hr/> 17,233 53

Receipts.

Rec'd for old buildings, etc. sold	366 35
for rope for North bell	3 00
	<hr/> 369 35
of Mayor and Aldermen in sundry payments	16,864 18
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HORTON D. WALKER,
 ISAAH WILSON,
 JONA. DEARBORN,
 ABM. Q. WENDELL,

PORTSMOUTH, March 20th, 1856.

Building Committee.

Cost of land for building	3,500 00
Paid by City to building committee balance of their account	16,864 18
Due for labor and contracts not completed,	500 00
Less due City for lumber,	15 00 485 00
Total cost of building and land	<u>20,849 18</u>

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH,
 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE
MAYOR AND ALDERMEN,
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING
 MARCH, 1856.

EXPENDITURES.

State Tax.

William Berry, Treasurer 3870 50

County Tax.

William H. Dudley, Treasurer 5602 09

Teachers' Institute.

Appropriated \$216, June 14th, 1855.

Silas S. Fletcher, Commissioner 252 79

Celebration of Independence.

Appropriated \$100, June 14th, 1855.

George W. Towle, firing salute 50 00

J. C. Walker, paid for ringing bells, hoisting flag, &c. 8 00

58 00

Expenses Prior to 1855.

Anderson & Emery, andirons 1 33

Eben. Haines, services as street commissioner 178 63

Nathan Jones, stove pipe, repairing stove, &c. 18 75

Oliver Hanscom, services as city marshal, &c. 114 72

Leonard Cotton, gravel and paid labor 10 00

Wendell & Call, timber & hauling 3 40

John Pike, services as overseer of the poor 29 73

John Knowlton, & Co. blacksmith work 10 19

James Falls, services as health com. and cost of court	72 52
James B. Pray, carpenter's work	23 79
Surveyor of Highways, labor as per roll	33 00
Thatcher Emery, turning post and caps	5 29
Thomas L. Brackett, pumping water, &c.	1 00
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Side Walks.

Appropriated \$500, June 9th 1855.

John Christie, for half expense of side walk Islington st.	27 26
Samuel Sheafe, ditto, Deer and Market streets	22 94
Estate of Samuel Gerrish, ditto, High and Deer sts.	14 73
J. Wesley Moses, ditto, State street	15 17
North Parish, ditto, Market square	38 00
Edward S. Wendell, ditto, Islington street	29 50
John T. Dame, ditto, Pleasant street	10 50
Daniel H. Treadwell, ditto, State street	21 26
Elijah B. Young, ditto, Islington street	25 66
William Fernald, ditto, Congress street	30 21
William Rand, ditto, Elm street	50 35
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Printing.

Appropriated, \$300, June 9th, 1855.

Millers & Gray, printing city acc'ts, advertising, &c.	200 54
C. W. Brewster, printing warrants, advertising, &c.	57 67
Thomas J. Whitem, advertising	22 67
J. J. Mason & Co. advertising	29 50
Edward N. Fuller, advertising	27 50
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Gas Lights for City Streets.

Appropriated \$500, June 9th, 1855.

Akerman & Scriggins, setting glass in gas lanterns	12 02
Daniel L. Randell, lighting and cleaning city gas lanterns, &c.	145 17
E. A. Stevens, repairing lantern post, gas cocks, &c.	23 70
Portsmouth Gas Light Co., use of gas	431 07
Albert J. Badger, mending gas lanterns	75
J. E. Chapman, repairing street lantern	1 30
Benj. Chapman, repairing gas lantern	1 08
Charles A. Shannon, setting glass in street lanterns	1 33
Daniel Crowley, putting out gas light at the depot	2 00
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Repairs and Rents of School Houses.

Appropriated \$900, June 9th 1855.

Nath'l Hanscom, carpenter's work	3 20
Moses Wherren, do. and paid for lumber, &c.	26 93
George J. Smart, white washing	9 50
Jona. Dearborn, paid for washing school rooms, &c.	13 03
Gookin & Chase, lumber	3 63
James Janvrin, carpenter's work	13 42
George Peirce, carpenter's work	2 25
Thomas Brackett, gravel and hauling	2 00
Charles A. Shannon, paints, setting glass, labor &c.	75 63
Eben. Haines, labor	11 75
A. Q. Wendell, nails, glass, &c.	22 98
David Mahooney, labor	4 38
Michael Blute, labor	3 75
Michael Hearn, labor	3 75
George Whitehouse, mason's work	19 12
John Quinn, labor	2 50
George E. Marden, gravel	5 60
Joshua Stackpole, carpenter's work	4 25
William H. Leach, ditto	1 50
Stephen Tarlton, labor	2 50
Asa Ham, hauling gravel	1 25
Uriah Blaisdell, fire board, &c.	4 00
John Bennett, paid washing school rooms	4 50
John H. Bailey, nails, screws, &c.	5 77
Moses Yeaton, carpenter's work, &c.	7 31
Hampti Kenney, ditto	33 58
M. J. & W. A. Vaughan, setting glass, &c.	11 70
John M. Lord, rent of school-room	137 50
B. Chapman, cleaning and putting up stove pipe, etc.	11 88
J. E. Chapman, ditto	3 05
E. A. Stevens, ditto and stoves,	42 64
Portsmouth Academy, rent of school room	110 00
Akerman & Scriggins, setting glass	1 57
Barker, Adams & Co., lumber	16 30
Elisha Tripp, setting glass	1 50
David Philbrook, labor	2 50
William Tucker, carpenter's work	1 00
Joseph H. Berry & Co., nails and plates	1 48
N. G. Mason, hauling gravel	19 75
Charles Barroughs, rent of school room	60 00
James F. Shores, Jr. rent of vestry	3 34
Albert J. Badger, repairing stove and stove pipe	4 00
Solomon Seymour, blacksmith work	1 25
William Stavers, rent of school room	25 00
Nath'l B. Dame, labor	3 75

Health Committee.

Appropriated \$350, June 9, 1855.

Benj. W. Curtis, services as health committee 1854	2 19	
George Randell, services attending Mr. Yeaton with small pox	30 00	
Ephraim Pickering, services assisting burying Mr. Yeaton and cleansing the house, &c.	6 00	
Daniel McCarty and Micheal McGrath, do.	14 00	
Dan'l Adwers, services as health committee 1854	2 47	
William Ilsley, services	50	
Lafayette Lughton, groceries and provisions	41 48	
Albert Lughton, cotton cloth	1 67	
Dr. R. O. Treadwell, medical attendance	6 00	
Dr. A. B. Bennett, medical attendance for Joseph Yeaton and family, and vacinating sundry persons	86 25	
S. Somerby, horse and wagon	1 00	
James Davidson, hailing vessels at Ft. Constitution,	27 54	
Raynes and Neil, set of halyards	1 76	
Wingate N. Ilsley, red flannel	75	
S. Gilbert, medicine, etc.	2 68	
J. H. Thacher, medicine, etc.	4 01	
Alms House Department, coffin, and use of horse and wagon	6 60	
Leonard Cotton, paid for removing nuisance	2 00	
Doct. A. B. Bennett, S. Gilbert, and Daniel L. Randall, services as health committee	150 00	
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Less received of the town of New Castle for expenses of Joseph Yeaton and family with small pox	170 00	
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Streets.

Appropriated \$3000, June 14, 1855.

Wendell & Call, lumber and hauling	90 88
Benj. Cheever, use of wheelbarrow	2 00
James Moses, 3d, bricks	1 60
George E. Smart, labor	2 50
Lary Forest, labor	19 63
William Beck, labor	12 06
George Fishley, hauling plank	50
Zebulon Willey, paving stone	109 48
Benning Willey, do.	108 98
Joseph Jones, labor paving	7 50

Thos J. Whittem, printing commissioners' receipts	2 50
Joseph Harvey, weighing paving stones	7 79
Robert Rand, labor	3 94
William S. Barber, labor,	4 43
William C. Hatch, wheelbarrows	14 00
David Philbrook, hauling gravel, rocks, etc.	134 86
James Perkins, hauling stone, &c.	48 38
Wiley Coleman, labor	2 00
Joshua Brooks, chesnut plank	103 14
William Bodge, surveying plank	3 48
John R. Oxford, hauling gravel, &c.	44 37
George Clark, shoveling snow	1 00
John H. Wendell, labor, self and team	63 75
M. J. & W. A. Vaughan, paint and labor	14 70
Francis Keirnan, labor	2 00
Simeon S. Pickering, labor	2 13
Peter Emery, stones for sewer	1 25
James Nowell, hauling gravel, &c.	75 25
Gas Light Co., gravel	3 08
John Teague, labor	3 00
Daniel H. Spinney, labor, man and team	46 88
Ivah N. Rugg, labor, &c.	14 50
Thomas Brackett, labor, self and team	15 53
James R. Smith, labor	6 00
Samuel Tucker, labor paving	23 30
Solomon V. Gerry, labor	2 50
William D. Carter, W. S. oil	3 07
Henry Nowell, labor, self and team	33 63
William Gray, ditto	3 25
Mark H. Fernald, labor	1 25
B. F. Webster, labor	2 00
Rodney Hadley, labor	2 00
Henry Bright, labor, man and team	19 38
A. Q. Wendell, hoes, nails, oil, &c.	12 75
William Plaisted, labor	1 25
Portsmouth Pier Co., wharfage of paving stones	3 28
Daniel W. Mason, carpenter's work	13 00
Robert Bell, hauling gravel and stone	2 83
John Knowlton & Co., blacksmith work	8 57
Raynes & Niel spikes, &c.	6 47
Patrick Quinland, labor	2 00
Nath'l Young, labor	2 63
John T. Dame, laying side walk, &c.	8 22
Dennis Buckley, labor	3 00
Thomas Quinland, labor	3 75
Charles W. Lolley, labor	8 50

John McCarthy, labor	56
Jerry Lyons, labor	2 00
Michael Hurly, labor	2 00
John Learey, labor	3 00
Pray's Wharf, wharfage of paving stone	7 32
John H. Bailey shovels, hoes, &c.	13 78
Daniel Calligan, labor,	3 00
William H. Goodwin, labor	2 69
Samuel W. Moses, sperm oil, &c.	2 31
Patrick McCarthy, labor	3 75
John H. Marden, labor	50
John H. Folsom, labor	5 00
John R. Holbrook, use of sail	1 00
George J. Smart, labor	4 87
John L. Marden, labor	16 81
Patrick Mahooney, labor	3 50
Samuel Twombly, labor	3 75
Barker, Adams & Co., labor, man and team, lumber, &c.	50 25
Oliver Marden, labor	5 63
Charles McCarthy, labor	20 31
Bart. Sullivan, labor	5 93
John A. Brown, labor, self and team	4 00
Augustus Brown, ditto	15 42
Jones & Chesley, pine plank	233 81
David W. Twombly, labor paving	11 60
Luke Quinland, labor	48 63
Martin L. Twombly, labor, self and team	119 67
Patrick Hackett, labor	24 06
Edward Goodrich, labor	35 94
Andrew Goodrich, labor	41 07
Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, labor	84 75
Thomas Tead, labor	46 25
Joseph Marston, labor, paving	56 40
William H. Cate, labor	85 74
George H. Pickering, labor	17 94
David Mahooney, labor	114 59
Jeremiah M. Teague, labor, self and team	26 13
John Goodrich, labor, man and team	89 79
Michael Ahern, labor	156 50
John Quinn, labor	150 63
Gardner J. Greenleaf, blacksmith's work, and weighing paving stones	19 36
Peter Crowell, labor	6 63
Asa Ham, labor, self and team	108 48
Stephen Tarlton, labor	140 44
George Rogers, bricks	8 80

Andrew D. Walden, labor	2 18
Oliver Tetherly, labor	1 69
Thomas Brackett, jr., labor	1 62
Charles Brackett, labor	2 19
Fred. W. Rogers, labor, man and team, &c.	18 17
John Shannon, jr., labor	20 72
David Mahooney, labor	5 68
Charles W. Marden, labor	4 00
Joseph H. Berry & Co., blacksmith's work	98
Barker, Adams & Co., labor, man and team	2 75
James N. Card, labor	1 13
Michael Crowning, labor	56
Nath'l G. Mason, labor, man and oxen	11 50
Charles A. Hodgdon, labor	4 25
Timothy Tucker, wheelbarrows &c.	13 43
Joseph Fuller, labor, self and team	13 25
George W. Brown, labor	1 12
George J. Smart, labor	2 25
Thomas Brackett, jr., labor	1 13
Eben'r Haines, paid sundry persons for labor	7 35
Forrest Trafton,	1 25
Stephen Tarlton, labor	39 37
Charles W. Lolley, labor	4 31
Alms House Department, labor, men and oxen	74 99
John Shannon, jr., labor	28
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City Watch.

Appropriated \$2000, June 14, 1856.

Ira Emery	71 50	Freeman Peverly	21 50
John Shannon, Jr.	35 75	John E. Abbott	49 75
Henry L. Foote	79 00	Rosewell W. Webster	21 50
George Woods	21 75	Oren Banks	81 50
Nath'l Pinder	21 75	George D. Shannon	58 00
Amos H. Twombly	9 00	Samuel A. Spinney	41 75
Oliver Dennett	58 00	Rockwell D. Varney	61 75
Samuel Sherburne	87 00	Richard Waldren	45 50
David W. Twombly	21 75	Robert H. Marden	76 00
Nath'l Foster	53 50	Jeremiah M. Teague	51 00
John J. Nutter	50 75	William Cate	58 75
William Jenkins	21 50	John A. Brown	30 00
George J. Smart	52 25	Moses B. Reed	30 00
Daniel Walker	42 50	John H. Marden	30 00
Charles Hodgdon	21 50	Joshua M. Walden	28 50
Abraham Holmes	82 25	Joseph Stickney	51 00

Robert Stokell	30 00	Simeon S. Smiley	26 25
Samuel Walden	51 00	John Atwell	28 75
Daniel W. Wendell	57 25	William Nutter	28 75
Ebenezer Wyatt	69 25	Abraham Locke	49 75
Henry Maloon	36 25	William Rand	28 75
Robert O. Dennett	3 00	Charles Littlefield	31 75
Albert Maxwell	3 00	Theodore Harvey	32 00
Joshua P. Harmon	3 00	James Broughton	24 50
William O. Foster	3 00	Henry A. Maloon	32 00
Samuel A. Hawks	3 00	Oliver Hanscom	1 50
Andrew Marden	33 25	Edward A. Weeks	21 00
John G. Tibbets	25 50	William Shannon	21 00
George E. Smart	30 00	John I. Lane	21 00
William Shillaber	4 50	William H. Branscom	13 50
John Horn	4 50	Thomas O. Rand	21 00
John H. Downing	48 25	Joshua H. Drisco	21 00
Charles A. Hodgdon	60 75		
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Schools.

Appropriated June 14,	\$10,400 00
Literary Fund	519 15
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High school committee	2912 91
District No. 1	2943 41
District No. 2	2746 64
District No. 3	2316 19
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School district No. 1, for debt of last year	100 00

Support of the Poor.

Appropriated \$3650, June 14, 1855; Additional appropriation, \$1050.

Overseers of the poor, as per credit on their account	4700 00
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Gravel Lot.

Eliza W. Haven and daughters, for gravel lot adjoining the city gravel lot on South street	300 00
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Liquor Agency.

John Smith, agent	500 00
Moses Yeaton	5 27
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Contingent.

Appropriated \$2200, June 14, 1855.

John Seaver, distributing city book	3 00
Moses Wherren, carpenter's work	8 00
Frank W. Miller, services as town clerk for ward 1, and issuing notices for jurors, &c.	22 00
George Fishley, trucking	50
R. Shillaber, attendance at ward No. 3 meetings, etc.	7 76
Nath'l Manson, attending at ward 2 meeting, &c.	1 76
Daniel H. Treadwell, rent of city offices	200 00
John Smith, taking change of property and new buildings, &c.	10 00
John Goodrich, hauling bricks, lumber, &c.	5 75
Phillip Wenzel, account books	7 25
Samuel Treat, mason work	3 75
John Teague, services as constable	1 50
A. Q. Wendell, locks, nails, &c.	7 37
William Gray, labor	1 00
William Ilsley, paid for labor	1 00
Charles A. Shannon, paints and labor	14 27
James Goodrich, cleaning muskets, &c.	5 00
William Fernald, Jr. refreshments city officers ward 1	3 00
Josiah G. Hadley, do. ward No. 8	4 00
Willis Barnabee, do. ward No. 2	6 00
John T. Dame, mason work	9 00
Edward Newman, posting notices	75
Benj. Chapman, stove pipe, &c.	13 20
Thos. L. Tullock, cast iron pipe, &c.	32 58
L. D. Mills, stove and funnel	25 00
Wendell & Call, lumber	22 75
Joshua Stackpole, carpenter's work	19 18
Geo. N. Carlton, hoe, bucket, &c.	1 92
Rufus K. Oxford, sperm oil,	2 00
Uriah Blaisdell, stove pipe, &c.	9 50
William Bachelder, ringing bell,	42 25
Dennis Libbey, use of vestry	12 00
Samuel A. Spinney, setting glass	75
Barker, Adams & Co. cement	3 50
Jona. Dearborn, paid for stove, &c.	12 33
John H. Bailey, glass, locks, nails, &c.	23 43
Samuel W. Moses, sperm oil	4 00
John Dame, rod, nails, &c.	4 03
Eben'r Haines, labor self and men	59 75
Oliver Ayres, timber, repairing pump, etc.	18 37
E. A. Stevens, stove pipe, etc.	141 23

M. J. & W. A. Vaughan, paints and labor	8 24
Moses Yeaton, carpenter's work and stock	63 26
J. E. Chapinan, repairing st. lanterns, smoke jack, etc.	9 75
Portsm. Gas Light Co., use of gas	104 99
Lafayette Loughton, brooms	55
Geo. J. Smart, sawing and splitting wood	8 25
Joseph C. Walker, services as town clerk for ward No. 3 and issuing notices for jurors, procuring a list of shipping for taxation, &c.	38 35
Joseph B. Adams, paid for use of coach to convey jurymen, &c.	6 50
Reuben Randell, services as clerk of Spring Market	45 00
Chas. W. Marden, revising roll of 3d company infantry	6 00
Francis Marden, taking inventory of stock	6 50
Nath'l Jackson, attendance on Court of C. Pleas	2 62
Andrew D. Gerrish, keys	1 00
Henry Lowd, ringing south bell one year	30 75
Gookin & Chase, wood and coal	111 38
Alfred Emery, blacksmith work	1 75
William B. Lowd, school books	9 35
James H. Head, school books	10 61
Joseph Berry & Co. blacksmith work	1 62
S. Somerby, horse and carriage sundry times	13 00
Joseph D. Pillow, services as town clerk for Ward No. 2, and issuing notices for jurors, &c.	20 60
Alms House Department. Husk Mat	67
James F. Shores, jr. school books	4 63
Benj. Akerman, surveying	7 00
Hatch & Webster, professional services	51 25
Joseph C. Walker, services rendered and cash paid out for sundry purposes	105 71
Martin P. Paul, ringing north bell	11 71
Joseph H. Foster, school books	6 52
South Church charity fund, paid for repairing fence	4 87
Henry H. Ham, winding, oiling, regulating and repairing north and south clocks	55 12
John S. Harvey & Son, stationery and school books,	20 70
John Bennett, city clerk, paid interest on the Hon. C. S. Toppan's donation of \$300, for a dinner for the benefit of the poor at the Alms House, Thanks- giving day	18 00
William S. Hadley, refreshments for city officers ward No. 1 and 2	11 00
Bennett & Treadwell, locks, brooms, etc.	7 05
John Bennett, expenses to Concord respecting rail- road tax; paid sundry persons for returns of births	

and deaths, etc.	16 37
Daniel H. Willey, attending town meeting in ward 1	1 50
F. W. Rogers, wood	2 12
High school house, manilla rope	3 00
Robert Lefavour, collector, for discount to those persons who paid their taxes within the time limited	2485 47
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Less received of the treasurer of N. Hampshire, for the city proportion of railroad tax	807 80
Received from fairs of Methodist, Universalist and Pleasant St. societies, for use of gas lights at Jefferson hall	19 50
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	3255 90

Fire Department.

Appropriated \$3700, June 14th, 1855.

John R. Holbrook, splicing thimble on drag rope, etc	2 25
Wendall & Call, lumber etc	22 48
Jeremiah M Teague, hauling engines	2 50
Engine Company No. 5, for services	35 00
Josiah Grover, painting engine, hose carriage, setting glass, etc	50 21
Phineas Drake, iron castings	4 35
Charles H Sides & Co., hauling engines	6 50
Cyrus Plumer, services as steward of Engine Co. No. 3, 1854	10 00
Charles E Main, labor	11 33
George Fishley, trucking	88
John Jones, watching at fire	1 00
William C Hatch, hose saddles for engines, etc	16 75
Gardner J Greenleaf, blacksmith's work	20 26
James Larrabee, repairing hose, etc	93 33
Thomas L Tullock, repairs on engines	25 03
Nathan Jones, zinc and water pot	1 94
Samuel W Moses, oil and wicking	7 41
Dresser & Stone, labor and stock	15 50
Joseph Stickney, labor	1 75
Moses Wherrien, carpenter's work	37 00
Lafayette Loughton, oil	47
Portsmouth Steam Factory, labor of men and use of tools	9 25
Charles A Shannon, paints and oil	12 97
James Odiorne, carpenter's work	34 00

Stephen L Marston, cleaning engine and hose	9 00
Oliver Dennett, ditto	13 46
John Dame, blacksmith's work	26 03
Albert J Badger, oil canisters	96
John Goodrich, trucking	2 50
Thomas J Whittem, printing notifications	1 50
Ivah N Rugg, sawing plank, etc	3 77
Rufus K Oxford, oil and wicking	1 37
John Knowlton & Co, blacksmith work	17 24
William Fernald & Son, refreshments for Hook and Ladder Co.	11 75
Portsmouth Aqueduct Co. togs, stop cock, labor, etc.	38 74
Samuel Donnell, fluid and oil	2 07
Josiah G. Hadley, refreshments for engine men	10 67
Nelson N. Downing, services as steward engine No. 4	10 00
Moses Yeaton, carpenter's work	2 48
William Bachelder, ringing bell for fires	7 00
E. A. Stevens, box stove, lanterns, etc.	15 25
A. Q. Wendell, locks, nails, etc.	10 61
Joy & Colcord, making patterns, etc.	17 25
Sarah Ball, rent of barn	25 00
Eben'r Haines, repairs on wells, etc.	6 75
Joseph B. Chase, oil, candles, etc.	6 64
John H. Peirce, labor	1 00
William R. Preston, tripoli, sponge, etc.	2 53
Edward N. Fuller, printing notifications	4 00
Francis W. Ham, copper torches and cash paid for sundry purposes	19 18
A. J. Beck, ash plank, etc.	5 20
John H. Bailey, oil wicking, etc.	5 70
A. D. Gerrish, labor on hydrants, copper strainer, etc.	96 02
Gookin & Chase, wood and coal	9 30
F. W. Rogers, wood, etc.	10 46
Daniel H. Spinney, wood, etc.	4 25
J. A. Brown, hauling engines, etc.	3 50
Solomon Seymour, blacksmith work	3 25
Thos. L. Tullock, castings for hydrant	7 87
Oliver Ayers, repairs on pumps,	4 50
Frank Jones, funnel, etc.	2 93
J. C. Gray, services as steward engine No. 1, etc.	16 60
J. P. Brackett, paint and labor	2 00
Barker, Adams & Co. lumber, etc.	14 48
G. J. Greenleaf, blacksmith work	9 50
Thomas Brackett, hauling engines, etc.	1 50
James M. Locke, painting sign for engine	8 00
Ira A. Brown, painting iron work on No. 6 engine	4 25

Henry Lowd, ringing south bell for fires	7 00
Josiah F. Adams, services as steward engine No 6	14 00
H. F. Downing, services as steward engine No. 4	14 00
Daniel L. Randell, hauling engine, etc.	1 50
Cyrus Plumer, services as steward engine No. 3	14 00
Josiah F. Adams, services as steward engine No. 6, cleaning hose 1854, etc.	23 50
John Dame, blacksmith work	6 61
Alfred T Joy, services as chief engineer	100 00
Assistant Engineer	63 00
Engine company No. 1, for services	280 00
“ No. 2, “	280 00
“ No. 3, “	280 00
“ No. 4, “	350 00
“ No. 5, “	280 00
“ No. 6, “	280 00
Hook and ladder Co.	210 00
Hose Co	42 00
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James Larrabee, for new hose	435 48
Andrew D. Gerrish, couplings	50 00
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High School House.

Mark W. Sheafe, for land	3500 00
Building committee	16864 18
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Roads.

Appropriated \$800, June 14th, 1855.

Josiah Jenness, damages to horse	2 00
A W Simpson, services as surveyor of highways	9 00
Samuel Whidden, labor, men and oxen	7 50
Eben'r Haines, labor, etc	20 00
David Mahooney, labor	6 25
A Q Wendell, nails	25
Samuel Donnell, stone	3 50
Wells & Tilton, stone	2 25
Michael Hearn, labor	3 75
George E Marden, gravel	1 75
William H Cate, labor	3 75
Stephen Tarlton, labor	3 75
Martin L Twombly, hauling gravel	1 75
Asa Ham, labor, self and team	7 50
John Knowlton & Co., blacksmith's work	1 54
William Veasey, setting guide post	1 00
Barker, Adams & Co., plank	5 91

N G Mason, labor, men and oxen	2 50
Andrew Sherburne, labor, man and oxen	5 00
Solomon Seymour, repairing chains	75
Alms House Dep't, labor, men and oxen	11 62
Robert Peverly, labor	50
Henry Nowell, labor, self and team	2 50
Nath'l B Dame, labor	3 75
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District No. 1.

Walter Scott, surveyor, and others, for labor on the highways	204 02
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District No. 2.

Alonzo K. Warren, surveyor, and others, for labor on the highways	132 87
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District No. 3.

R. W. Webster, surveyor, and others, for labor on the Highways	186 81
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Breaking Paths.

Walter Scott, surveyor, and others, Dist. No. 1	118 37
Alonzo K. Warren ditto, Dist. No. 2	297 91
R W Webster, ditto, Dist. No. 3	225 98

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Salaries of City Officers.*Appropriated \$2550, June 14th, 1855.*

Horton D. Walker, mayor	300 00
John Bennett, city clerk	600 00
William B. Parker, justice of the police court	86 71
John W. Fernald, clerk of the common council	50 00
Oliver Hanscom, city marshal	350 00
Robert Lefavour, city treasurer	100 00
Ichabod B. Claggett, city agent	50 00
Washington Williams, James Junkins, John smith, Jonathan Barker, William Conn, Francis Mar- den and Andrew Lowd, assessors of taxes	175 00
Fredrick W. Rogers, William Bodge, and Levi Moses, overseers of the poor	150 00
Eben'r Haines, street commissioner	300 00
Joseph C. Walker, messenger,	300 00
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Interest.*Appropriated \$2600, June 14th 1855.*

Coupons,		2853 28
Mark W. Sheafe, interest on the purchase of land for		
high school house		8 05
Abigail Henderson, interest on note		72 00
Samuel Lord,	ditto	48 00
John Jenness,	ditto	15 00
Lucius Alden,	ditto	30 00
Estate of Daniel Hill,	ditto	30 00
Joshua W. Pierce,	ditto	60 00
John Fabyan and wife,	ditto	36 00
Sally Trundy,	ditto	30 00

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Less, received interest on note due the city 8 83

" " " on real estate sold to city

for taxes and redeemed, 18 29

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Assistant Marshals and Police.*Appropriated \$350, June 14th, 1855.*

William Fernald & Son, hack sundry times	3 50
John A. Brown, com'ing sundry persons to watch house	67
John W. Stocking, hack sundry times to alms house, etc	12 00
Chas. W. Walker, horse and wagon to alms house	1 50
• Doct. B. W. Curtis, medical attendance	1 50
John Shannon, jr. extra services as police officer	4 50
• Eben'r Haines, horse and wagon conveying sundry persons to alms house	1 00
William S. Hadley, refreshments for persons in bride-well	2 75
• Nath'l Ramsdell, horse and wagon conveying man to watch house	50
Robert Shillaber, extra services as police officer	4 50
Nath'l Manson, services as police officer	3 45
Police Officers, for extra services	95 00
Sam'l W. Moses, horse and wagon to alms house sundry times	3 50
John Bennett, services as assistant justice police court	48 00
William B. Lowd, record book	75
S. Somerby, horse and wagon to the Plains and alms house sundry times	8 25

Dan'l L. Randall, conveying sundry persons to watch house	2 00	
L. D. Mills, refreshments for persons in bridewell	1 63	
Oliver Hanscom, extra services, and cash paid out for sundry purposes	21 81	
Joseph B. Adams, services as assistant marshal	50 00	
John Teague, ditto	50 00	
Robert Shillaber, ditto	50 00	
Simeon S. Smiley, ditto	50 00	
John Shannon, jr. ditto	50 00	
Daniel H. Willey, ditto	50 00	
Emery A. Dresser, ditto	37 50	
		544 81
Less, received of William B. Parker, justice of police court for police fines and cost	45 55	
“ rec'd of John Bennett associate justice do.	14 71	
		60 26
		484 55

Collector's Commissions.

Appropriated \$450, June 14th, 1855.

Robert Lefavor, commissions on \$7 22, collected from list of taxes for 1851, at 1 per cent.	07	
ditto on \$12 08 for 1852,	12	
ditto on \$257 16 for 1853,	2 57	
ditto on \$1957 52 for 1854,	19 58	
ditto on \$43,960 69 for 1855,	439 60	
		461 94
		68,516 71

Recapitulation of Expenditures.

State Tax	3370 50
County Tax	5602 09
Teachers' Institute	252 79
Celebration of Independence	58 00
Expenses prior to 1855	502 35
Side Walks	285 58
Printing	337 88
Gas lights for city streets	618 42
Repairs and rents of school houses	746 29
Health committee	216 90
Streets	3180 41
City watch	2334 25
Schools	11019 15
Support of the poor	4700 00
Gravel lot	300 00
Liquor agency	505 27
Contingent	3255 90
Fire department	3629 31
High school house	20364 18
Roads	1274 03
Salaries of city officers	2461 71
Interest	2555 21
Assistant marshal and police	484 55
Collector's commissions	461 94
	<hr/> 68516 71

Receipts.

Received for licenses	170 00
do rent of stalls in brick market	103 00
do do in spring market	176 25
do do chambers over spring market	33 88
do of U. S. for rent of court house	300 00
do of U. S. for rent of landing at bottom of Daniel st.	60 00
do for use of Jefferson hall	12 00
	<hr/> 855 13
do estimated interest on deposits at Rockingham	
Bank	150 00
do distribution of literary fund	519 15
	<hr/> 669 15
do list of taxes for the year 1855	50004 49
do less abatements to Robert Lefavour, collector	586 01
	<hr/> 49418 48
do additional list of taxes	34 00
	<hr/> 49452 48

do	for city scrip, issued, for loan for building High School House, by vote of city council	7400 00	
do	for overdrafts at Rock'm Bank for same purpose	8600 00	
			16000 00
do	of Rockingham Bank, to pay outstanding bills, by vote of city council		2200 00
do	balance of last years account	4380 49	
	less abatement to Robert Lefavour, collector 1849	19 93	
	less abatement Eben'r Haines 1850	34 00	
	do Robert Lefavour 1852	37 90	
	do do 1853	57 04	
	do do 1854	174 19	
			324 05
			4,056 44
	Receipts	73,233 20	
	Expenditures	68,516 71	
	Balance	4,716 49	

Which balance is as follows :

Outstanding notes		25 12	
Balance of O. W. Penhallow's account for 1846		26 13	
" H. F. Wendell's	1847	18 28	
" H. F. Wendell's	1848	34 75	
" Robert Lefavour's	1849	47 10	
" Eben'r Haines'	1850	28 01	
" Robert Lefavour's	1851	46 04	
" Robert Lefavour's	1852	120 89	
" Robert Lefavour's	1853	391 84	
" Robert Lefavour's	1854	648 69	
" Robert Lefavour's	1855	2,967 17	
" U. S. for rent of court house		300 00	
" real estate bid in for taxes unredeemed		51 91	
" Due for lumber sold		10 56	
			4,716 49

HORTON D. WALKER, *Mayor.*

ISAIAH WILSON,
MOSES WHERREN,
JONA. DEARBORN,
TIMOTHY G. SENTER,
MOSES YEATON,
GIDEON H. RUNDLETT,
ABRAHAM Q. WENDELL,

Aldermen.

Statement of the City Debt, March, 1856.

34 city bonds dated May 27, 1852, payable in 1872, at 5 per cent. semi-annual interest	33,700 00
1 city note, \$1000, at 6 per cent.	1,000 00
1 city note due to legacies from H. A. Haven and Mary Clark, 6 per ct.	950 00
7 city notes due to sundry persons, borrowed in 1850, at 6 per ct.	3,850 00
4 bonds due to sundry persons, payable in 1856-7-8-9, at 6 per ct.	6,000 00
2 bonds payable in 1861 and 1862 at 5 1-2 per ct.	2,000 00
4 bonds payable in 1859, at 5 per cent.	2,000 00
5 bonds payable 1863-4-5 and 1871, at 5 3-4 per ct.	6,600 00
2 bonds payable 1864, at 5 1-2 per ct.	800 00
Over draft at Rockingham Bank, balance of loan for high school house	5,600 00
Over draft at Rockingham Bank, 1854	45 94
Over draft at Rockingham Bank, for the present year	2,200 00
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	68,158 94
Interest on the above to March, 1857	250 00
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	68,408 94
Balance due to city watch, March 31, 1856, and sundry bills unpaid	325 00
To be paid on account of high school house	485 00
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	69,218 94

Amount of Assets Due the City.

Due to overseers' department from county and other sources	1100 00
Outstanding notes	25 12
Balance of O. W. Penhallow's account, 1846	26 13
H. F. Wendell's, 1847	18 28
H. F. Wendell's, 1848	34 75
Robert Lefavour's, 1849	47 10
Eben'r Haines's, 1850	28 01
Robert Lefavour's, 1851	46 04
Robert Lefavour's, 1852	120 89
Robert Lefavour's, 1853	391 84
Robert Lefavour's, 1854	648 69
Robert Lefavour's 1855	2967 17
U. S. for rent of court house	300 00
Real estate bid in for taxes, unredeemed	51 91
Due for lumber sold	10 56
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	5,816 49
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	63,402 45
Balance of debt, March, 1856	63,402 45
Balance of debt, March, 1855	46,128 45
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Increase of debt	17,274 00

Estimated amount of Taxes to be raised for the year 1856.

For State tax	3370 50
County tax	7282 73
Interest on city debt	3600 00
Support of the poor	3350 00
Farming utensils and manure	150 00
Roads out of the compact part of the city	800 00
Streets and common sewers	2500 00
Schools	10500 00
Less for literary fund estimated to be received, which is also to be appropriated for schools	500 00
	<hr/> 10000 00
City Watch	2132 50
Health committee	350 00
Fire department	3500 00
Contingent expenses including abatement to those who pay their taxes so as to entitle them to a discount here- tofore voted by the city, rent of city offices, city clocks etc., after deducting railway tax	2500 00
Assistant marshals, constables and police, including all charges to the city	350 00
Repairs and rent of school houses	700 00
Printing	300 00
Celebration of Independence	100 00
Side walks	400 00
Teachers' Institute required by law of 1851	252 79
Gas lights for city streets	600 00
City officers not otherwise provided for	2550 00
Collector's commissions	450 00
City debt	2000 00
Over draft at Rockingham Bank	2200 00
Fence and grading round high school house	1000 00
	<hr/> 50,438 52

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY ALMS-HOUSE
CITY MARSHAL,
AND
CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT
OF THE
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH,
FOR
THE YEAR ENDING MARCH,
1856.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT
OF THE
CITY ALMS-HOUSE.

To his Honor the Mayor and the City Council :

GENTLEMEN—The Superintendent of the Alms-House respectfully begs leave to report that the number of admissions to the House, including those who were present at the commencement of the year, is two hundred and fifty-seven.

Number of deaths during the year is	13
Number of births	6
Number of insane during the year is	13
Present number of insane	12
Number of idiots during the year is	5
Present number of idiots	4
Average number of inmates during the year is	90
Present number of inmates	93

of whom 2 are over 90 years, 3 between 80 and 90, 9 between 70 and 80, 8 between 60 and 70, 11 between 50 and 60, 11 between 40 and 50, 17 between 30 and 40, 7 between 20 and 30, and 25 under 10 years of age.

The whole number of convicts committed to the House of Correction during the year is 21; 10 of whom paid cost of prosecution, 3 deserted, 6 including three boys under the truant act discharged by order of the Mayor and Aldermen, and two whose time is not yet expired.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL P. SCOTT, *Superintendent.*

Portsmouth, March 24, 1856.

REPORT
OF THE
CHIEF ENGINEER of the FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen,—In conformity with Section 3d of the Fire Ordinance, I present to your Board a report of expenses of the Fire Department the past year; of its present condition, and some of the wants for its further improvement.

The Department has been called out eight times, as follows:

April 11th, 1855; Joseph A. Dorr's bake house on Linden street; a small building of Andrew D. Gerrish; and slight damage to John Trundy's shop. Dorr's building wholly destroyed—insured, but office failed.

April 25; Portsmouth Steam Factory. Boiler house roof nearly destroyed. Insured.

May 13; Building on Pleasant street belonging to Wm. S. Hadley and Nathaniel Folsom. Loss of roof. Insured.

July 9; An alarm in McDonough street, caused by burning of window curtain.

Oct. 10; Slight damage to house in Holmes's court, occupied by Mrs. Brown (colored.)

Oct. 19; Slight damage to back stairs leading to Geo. O. Buzzell's sail loft, Water street. Insured.

Dec. 7; Barn on South street belonging to John L. Elwin. 12 tons of hay belonging to Francis Marden. Total loss. No insurance.

Feb. 8, 1856; House of Joshua Brooks on Cabot street. Chambers and roof nearly destroyed. Insured.

Much credit is due several persons who, having discovered fire in the buildings they occupied, put it out without giving any alarm.

The whole expenses of the department for the year have been as follows :

Paid bills for 1854	85 26
Pay of chief engineer	100 00
Pay of assistant engineers and firemen	2065 00
Five hundred feet new hose	487 48
Pay of stewards of engines	84 00
Improvements on machines and apparatus	150 00
New hydrant and setting	48 50
Repairs on wells and pumps	35 50
" aqueduct stops	20 30
" engines and apparatus	181 20
Ringin ^g bells	21 00
Secretary to board of engineers	25 00
Messenger " "	12 00
Wood, oil, printing and contingent	25 77
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	3341 01
Sarah Ball, rent of barn	25 00
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	3366 01

Inventory and Estimate of Property belonging to the Department:

Engine No. 1,—Pleasant street	700 00
[Attached are 4 buckets, 24 feet suction hose, 2 long pipes, 1 blunderbuss pipe, 1 nozzle, 2 axes, 1 signal lantern.]	
12 spanners at 25c; 7 belts at 25c	4 75
1 globe lantern, 1 00; 1 torch, 2 00	3 00
1 cutter 1 50; 1 wheel jack 2 50	4 00
whiffletree and traces	1 00
2 oil cans at 50c; 1 feeder 50c	1 50
1 wrench 1 50; 1 shovel 50c	2 00
7 straps 50c; stove and pipe 2 50	3 00
1 spiral pipe	10 00
2 hose saddles at 1 00	2 00
1 cast iron goose-neck	50
hose carriage	50 00
250 feet hose	200 00
100 feet old hose	20 00
40 members.	<hr/>
	1001 75

Engine No. 2,—Court street	700 00
[Attached are 24 feet suction hose, 4 buckets, 2 long pipes, 1 blunderbuss pipe, 2 nozzles, 2 axes, 1 signal lantern.]	
13 spanners 25c 7 belts 25c	5 00
2 globe lanterns at 1 00 1 torch 2 00	4 00
1 cutter 1 00 1 wheel jack 2 50	3 50
1 water pot 50c shovel 50c wrench 1 50	2 50
whiffletree and traces	1 00

2 oil cans and feeder	75
6 straps 50c 1 spiral pipe 10 00	10 50
1 crowbar 1 00 2 hose saddles 2 00	3 00
1 iron goose-neck	50
hose carriage	50 00
200 feet hose	150 00
100 feet hose	30 00
40 members.	<u>960 75</u>

Engine No. 3 Court street	150 00
[Attached are 4 buckets, 24 feet suction hose, 2 long pipes.]	
9 spanners at 25c 2 buckets at 25c	2 75
whiffletree and traces	1 00
1 torch 2 00 1 lantern 84	2 84
1 oil can and feeder	1 75
stove and pipe	4 00
2 hose saddles 2 00 1 gooseneck 50c	2 50
hose carriage	5 00
200 feet hose	150 00
40 members.	<u>319 84</u>

Engine No. 4,—Elm street	750 00
[Attached are 24 feet suction hose, 4 buckets, 2 long pipes, 2 axes, 2 nozzles, 1 blunderbuss pipe, 1 signal lantern.]	
12 spanners at 25c 7 belts at 25c	4 75
1 globe lantern 1 00 2 torches at 2 00	5 00
1 crowbar 1 00 1 wrench 1 50 1 spanner 25c	2 75
1 wheeljack 2 50 water pot 1 00	3 50
1 shovel 50c 2 oil cans 50c 1 feeder 25c	1 25
stove and pipe	4 00
2 hose saddles	2 00
hose carriage	60 00
whiffletree and traces	2 00
250 feet large new hose	cost 265 48
50 members.	<u>1100 73</u>

Engine No. 5,—State street	600 00
[Attached are 24 feet suction hose, 2 long pipes, 1 blunderbuss pipe, 2 axes.]	
7 spanners at 25c 4 belts at 25c 4 straps at 3s	3 25
1 signal lantern 1 00 1 torch 1 00	2 00
1 cutter 1 50 2 oil cans 1 00 1 feeder 25c	2 75
whiffletree and traces	1 00
1 spiral pipe	10 00
2 hose saddles	2 00
1 goose-neck 50c 1 hand lantern 84c	1 34
stove and pipe	2 00
hose carriage	20 00
200 feet hose	40 00
200 feet new hose	cost 222 00
40 members.	<u>906 34</u>

Engine No. 6,—State street	700 00
[Attached are 24 feet suction hose, 4 buckets, 2 long pipes,	
1 blunderbuss pipe, 2 axes, 1 signal lantern.]	
9 spanners at 25c 8 belts at 25c	4 25
1 globe lantern 50c 1 torch at 2 00	2 50
1 shovel 50c 1 hoe 25c 1 water pot 50c	1 25
1 cutter 1 50 2 hose saddles 2 00	3 50
2 old axes 1 00 1 goose-neck 50c	1 50
1 spiral pipe	10 00
stove and pipe	10 00
hose carriage	50 00
composition neck to connect suction hose to hydrant	5 00
200 feet hose	150 00
150 feet hose	25 00
40 members.	963 00
Hose carriage No. 7,—Warren street	3 00 0
700 feet hose	200 00
3 spanners at 25c	75
	230 75
Hose carriage No. 8,—Warren street	
with 350 feet hose	75 00
Hose carriage No. 9,—Warren street	
with 350 feet hose	50 00
6 members.	
Hook and Ladder carriage,—State street	10 00
12 ladders, lengths from 32 feet down to 12 feet making	
254 feet at 10c	25 40
8 axes 2 large hooks and ropes	10 00
12 hand hooks and poles	12 00
2 hooks and chains	4 00
30 members.	61 40
11 engineer trumpets and badges 2 00	22 00
1 record book	3 00
7 lanterns in hands of engineers	5 88
Reservoir on Market square cost	750 00
“ in School street “	675 08
“ “ Pleasant street “	1144 70
“ “ Austin street “	1108 42

The last two reservoirs have leaks down about three feet from the top.

Hydrant corner of Vaughan and Congress streets (too small to supply an engine.)

Fire Plugs in aqueduct near Nos. 26, 28, 35, and 55 Islington street; 23 Deer street; 5 Dennett street; corner of Washington and State streets; in Church street, near A. J. Beck's shop; 50 Congress street; 3 and 8 Middle street.

Public Wells—one on Austin street, one corner of Islington and Summer streets, two in Warren street, (one in High street, very little water in it, one in Sheafe street nearly dry,) one in Daniel street, one in State street, one in Court street, one in Hanover street, one in Green street, and one on Meeting-House Hill. Several of the above wells have stone covers and need holes cut through them in order to use the suction hose.

I have altered and improved engines No. 1, 2, 5 and 6.—The city has purchased 250 feet of large hose for engine No. 4, and 250 of usual size, which have been distributed among the other engines. The above machines and most of their apparatus are in excellent condition. Have not expended any thing on No. 3 engine—this machine is worn out and not worth repairing.

I have invented a hydrant fitted to the suctions of engines to draw water from the aqueduct, and it can be used in any part of the city if the holes in the aqueduct logs are of sufficient size to supply a machine. Have placed one in State street opposite engine house No. 6.

It is becoming more and more difficult to obtain water in many places in the city than in former times. At the South pond none can be got at low water, except at Mill bridge. The docks at Liberty bridge and vicinity are so much filled up that at low water none can be had there some two hundred feet outside of the bridge; and the North pond is so filled up on the south side (in consequence of the railroads' being built there) that very few if any places can be found on that side of the pond where water can be obtained at low tide.

I would respectfully recommend to the City Council the following, for the further improvement of the Department, and for the benefit and safety of property within the city, viz.:

To purchase a new engine to take the place of No. 3.

To have two new hook and ladder carriages, made light, and the apparatus divided so that a small number of men can draw one of them quickly to a fire without waiting for horses, as they now have to do; (in most cases a ladder and an axe is wanted first;) and that a building be built to keep the same in.

To have 150 ft. more of large hose made for engine No. 4.

To have the new hydrant put in common use, instead of the fire plugs.

To have the two old engines and such other articles as are of no use, (which are now stored,) sold for the benefit of the Department.

To have a large Well dug on the north side of the City Almshouse.

To have one other large Well dug near the South School House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED T. JOY, Chief Engineer.
Portsmouth, March 7th, 1856.

REPORT
OF THE
CITY MARSHAL.

To his Honor the Mayor and the City Council :

In accordance with the City Ordinance, I present the following report :

The whole number of arrests made by the Police, from March 22, 1855, to March 20, 1856, 325, for the following causes :

Drunkenness 162, Lodging 38, Assault 37, Stealing 9, Robbing Gardens 7, Refusing to support Families 2, Violation of the Sabbath 2, Breaking Glass 4, Obstructing the Sidewalks 2, Truancy 12, Night Walkers 4, Running away from House of Correction 4, Licentiousness 9, Vagrancy 2, Insane 2, Rumselling 9, Brawl and Tumult 4, Violent Threats 2, Keeping House of Ill-Fame 2, Violating Health Ordinance 1, Secreting a Witness 1, Taking cows from person driving them to Pound 1, Small Children taken to Alms-House 9.

Of the above mentioned persons 57 were not committed. 306 were males, 19 females, from different nations. 154 were Americans, 119 Irish, 14 English, 13 Germans, 8 Norwegians, 15 from Nova Scotia, 2 colored persons.

For thirty days following the 13th of August but three persons were arrested for drunkenness, and for sixty days only six persons; showing a great decrease of intemperance from the Prohibitory Law going into effect; since which time the evil has greatly increased.

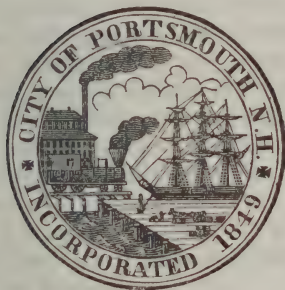
All of which is respectfully submitted.

OLIVER HANSCOM, *City Marshal.*

PORTSMOUTH, March 20, 1856.

REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEES

OF THE
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1856.



PORTSMOUTH:
C. W. BREWSTER & SON, PRINTERS.
1856.

REPORT
OF THE
HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—The Committee of the High Schools, having completed their year of service, respectfully present to your honorable body the following report for the year 1855--6.

The Boys' High School has continued to be taught by Mr. A. M. Payson, as Principal. At the beginning of the year he was assisted by Mrs. Hill, who had already won a high place in the regards of the Committee, as an accomplished and singularly efficient teacher. It was with much regret therefore that we received, in the early part of the present year, notice of her intention to resign her place. The vacancy was immediately filled by the appointment of Miss Morgan, a young lady who brought to the task a cultivated mind and the experience of years spent in teaching. She has discharged the duties of assistant to the satisfaction of the Committee and of the principal up to the commencement of this term, when at her own request she was transferred to the Girls' High School. Miss Anne Palmer, who brings the most satisfactory recommendations, has been appointed to succeed Miss Morgan in the Boys' School. The Committee have been compelled, much to their own regret, to submit to a frequent change of assistants in both of the High Schools—and they hope they have now completed an arrangement which will be more permanent.

It is believed the school for boys was never in a more vigorous and promising condition. An unusually large class was admitted, though the strictness with which the examination of candidates was conducted caused quite a number to be rejected. The school has suffered through the latter half of the year by the crowded state of the room, the consequent inconvenience of arranging the classes, and the impurity of the atmosphere. The experience of the Committee during their monthly visits has *feelingly* taught them how impossible

it was for the minds of either teachers or pupils to be wakeful or vigorous while their bodies were enveloped in an atmosphere so stagnant and impure. But with all the disadvantages of change of assistants and of an inconvenient and crowded room, the annual examination, which was attended by a large number of our citizens; was eminently satisfactory. The discipline of the school seemed to be nearly perfect, all the recitations were good, and some of them, especially those in Latin and Greek, merited and received the highest praise. We congratulate the city that this school is in the charge of teachers so eminently fitted for their task.

The Girls' High School still continues to be taught by Mr. Nichols. Miss Mary L. Hanscom, who had for several years occupied the place of 1st assistant, resigned her situation at the close of the summer term. Her place was temporarily supplied by Miss Julia A. Gould, and afterwards by Miss Victoria Vennard. At the beginning of the present term it was permanently filled by the transfer of Miss Morgan from the Boys' School. Miss Susan B. Gray is still retained as 2d assistant.

This school has long enjoyed an enviable reputation, and it is believed it was never more worthy of it than it now is. The young ladies and teachers are deserving of great credit for their diligence, fidelity and perseverance. There are specimens of very fine scholarship in the school. A few of the pupils, from the irregularity of their attendance, are unable to keep pace with their more punctual schoolmates, and are thus not only marring their own education, but inflicting an injury on the character of the school. It is earnestly hoped that the register for the coming year will show a decided improvement in this respect.

The annual examination furnished gratifying evidence of the place which this school has in the public regards. It brought together, we think, a larger number of spectators than we ever saw gathered on a like occasion, who manifested their interest by remaining in most uncomfortable positions, to the very close of a four hours' session in the afternoon. The recitations evinced great thoroughness on the part of the teachers, and a commendable diligence on the part of most of the young ladies. The exercises of examination closed by the reading of original compositions, which were in every respect of a high order, and which added greatly to the interest of the occasion.

The Committee of last year recommended that the prerequisites, in regard both to age and scholarship, for admission to the High Schools be raised. The present Committee deemed it advisable to try first the effect of a stricter enforcement of existing regulations in this respect, convinced that the character of the schools would be very much elevated if no scholar is admitted to them who does not come fully up to the prescribed standard. No time, therefore, or labor, was spared in giving to each applicant a thorough examination, and the purpose was fixed to admit no one who was not duly qualified. Some of the candidates for admission to each of the schools we were thus compelled to reject. No part of the Committee's duty is more unpleasant, and in the discharge of no part of that duty are they likely to be visited with severer censure. It would be much easier and much more pleasant to gratify the candidates and their parents by admitting all who present themselves. But the character of our High Schools demands fidelity of the Committee on this point. If we would not see these schools constantly retrograding, until they become *High* schools only in name, the door of admission to them must be guarded with vigilance. It is not kindness to the pupil, but just the opposite of it, when one is admitted who is not qualified. We trust the community will not fail to sustain and encourage the committee in rejecting those applicants who in their judgment, after an impartial examination, do not meet the prescribed requisitions. The standard is lower than it should be—but such as it is, it ought certainly to be adhered to.

The Committees of the several wards, in convention, voted to change the reading books and dictionaries throughout all the schools of the city. Sargent's new series of Readers, and Webster's Dictionaries have now taken the place of those which were in use. The Dictionaries were exchanged without charge, and the Readers with a very trifling charge.

The time has nearly arrived for removing these schools to the rooms which have been provided in the new and elegant building which has just been erected. None, save the teachers and scholars, can understand as those who have served on the Committee can, how much such a building was needed. Our experience the present year has only deepened our previous convictions and prepared us to welcome more heartily the provision that has been made. The comfort of the scholars and teachers, their health, their taste, the intellectual pro-

gress of the schools, and the reputation of our city, were all demanding that these schools should be removed from the badly constructed and ill ventilated rooms in which they now are. We now congratulate the city on having high schools of the very first excellence, and in having furnished a building corresponding with that excellence.

The African School, which since its origin has been under the supervision of the High School Committee, was, by a unanimous vote, discontinued at the very beginning of the year, and the few colored children are now distributed in the various schools of the wards to which they belong. There is thus saved an annual expense of \$160—which it was found was actually required to defray the cost of a school which had but *two* regular scholars. Whatever sensitiveness existed in the minds of any of our citizens in regard to this change, has, we are happy to believe, been wholly removed now that the experiment has been made.

WILLIAM LAMSON,
SAMUEL M. DeMERITT,
A. Q. WENDELL,

Portsmouth, March, 1856.

High School Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT No. 1.

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—The Committee to whose care the superintendence of the public schools in District No. 1 has been entrusted during the current school year, would respectfully offer the following Report:

At the commencement of the year, the committee found three schools in the Franklin School house at Christian Shore—the Grammar School for boys, kept by Mr. J. Sullivan Rand; the Grammar School for misses, kept by Miss Amelia M. White; and the Infant School, kept by Miss Abby S. Patten. In May, Miss White resigned her situation as teacher, though not by any suggestion of the committee; for having visited her school they found it in excellent order and with every appearance of a good school; and on leaving she had the expressed assurance of the respect and confidence of the committee.

The number of pupils attending this school, and that of Mr. Rand also, being very small without any prospect of an increase, at least for the warm season, the committee did not deem it advisable to appoint another teacher to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Miss White; but as the best course which suggested itself to them, they united the two schools into one Grammar School, and placed it in charge of Mr. Rand. By referring to the annexed schedule, it will be seen that the average attendance at this school has not been such, thus far, as to warrant the committee in establishing another of the same grade. One prominent reason why these two Grammar Schools have been so far below their desired standard for a number of years past, has undoubtedly been, the admission of pupils before they were properly qualified, in order to keep a respectable number in each school.

The committee found Miss Patten's school occupying a very undesirable room; and when it was determined to unite the two Grammar Schools, they thought it best to remove her school to the room made vacant by the discontinuance of Miss White's school. At the time of this change, the committee were expecting to establish an Intermediate School in the fall, and to remove the Infant School back to

the room in the basement; but after due deliberation they decided to let all the scholars remain in the room to which they had been removed, and to appoint an assistant to aid Miss Patten in the management of the school. Accordingly, Miss Lucy M. Sweetser was appointed with a salary of \$12 per month, who commenced her labors on the first of October. This school remained in charge of Miss Patten till the 16th of February, when, much to the regret of the committee, she resigned her situation as teacher. Miss Patten was eminently qualified for a teacher of children, and discharged her duties to the entire satisfaction of the committee. Miss Martha J. Tobey was appointed to succeed Miss Patten as principal of the school, and entered upon her duties February 18th.

Besides the two schools already mentioned, there are five others in the district—the Woodbury School at Gravelly Ridge, kept in summer by a female and in winter by a male; a Grammar School for boys in the Bartlett School house in School street, kept by Mr. John P. Payson; an Intermediate School for boys and misses in the same building, kept by Miss Annie M. Manson; a Grammar School for misses in Hanover street, kept by Miss Caroline A. Mason; and an Infant School in High street, kept by Mrs. Lusena B. Mullen.

The committee were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Dorothy N. Vennard, a faithful and experienced teacher, to take charge of the school at Gravelly Ridge during the summer session. In the management of her school, this lady fully sustained her previously acquired reputation of an excellent teacher; giving, as far as we know, satisfaction both to committee and parents. The school during its winter session, has been under the charge of Mr. Charles A. Shannon. At the recent examination of his school it was found in an excellent condition. Much improvement had been made; and the committee feel justified in speaking of Mr. Shannon as a teacher of the first merit.

The committee think the recommendation of the last board, relative to the establishing of a male school at the Ridge throughout the year, worthy of consideration, but the finances of the district for the current year did not warrant them to make the change.

The Grammar School under the charge of Mr. J. S. Rand, still ranks far below what should be required of a school of that grade; but at its recent examination the committee ob-

served a decided change for the better over former examinations; and they think that with the assistance of those who should co-operate with the teacher for the good of his school, it may soon be an honor to the district. The faithfulness and ardor with which Mr. Rand pursues his vocation, cannot fail of accomplishing much, if they can be brought properly to bear; but this is not the case, and the committee think the cause of this failure lies more without than within the school room. By the schedule it will be seen that the average attendance of this school has been but a trifle over 46 per cent. of the whole number enrolled, leaving about 54 per cent. of absences. The committee would recommend earnest efforts on the part of parents to secure the punctual attendance of every scholar who may belong to the school, as a sacred duty, which they owe no less to themselves than to their children and to the community. A parent, upon the least reflection, cannot help seeing the vast amount of injury he inflicts upon his child by permitting him to stay away from school a single day, except for the most urgent necessity. The evil does not stop with the day, but it is reproducing itself in its influence over others and in excuses for other and frequent occasions of absence and truancy. The committee would commend this school to the special care of their successors, hoping for the best results to follow.

The Infant School in the Franklin School house, kept by Miss Tobey as principal and Miss Sweetser as assistant, is in a very satisfactory condition, considering the circumstance that both teachers have been recently appointed. There is reason to believe that the school is in good hands; and that it will continue to deserve the high reputation it sustained under the government of Miss Patten. The committee are of opinion that this school should be divided, and that an Intermediate School be established, of the grade of Miss Manson's in School street; and that the Infant School be re-opened in the basement room; but *not*, however, till the room is properly ventilated and otherwise improved, sufficiently to make it safe for teacher and scholars to occupy, without endangering their health and their lives. By this arrangement, there will be three schools in the Franklin School house—a Grammar, an Intermediate and an Infant School, which the committee think will amply meet the wants of the citizens residing in that section of the district.

The Infant School in High street, in charge of Mrs. L. B.

Mullen, has recently been examined and found under good discipline; and the teacher continues to share largely in the confidence of the committee. They would recommend that a more commodious room be procured, if it can be done, for the accommodation of this school, the one it now occupies being inadequate to its wants.

The Intermediate School in the Bartlett School house, kept by Miss A. M. Manson, is in a very prosperous condition. In this teacher are combined the virtues of gentleness and decision, which at once command respect and obedience. This school, considering its grade, must add one to the list of our best schools.

The Grammar School for misses in Hanover street, kept by Miss C. A. Mason, has the unqualified approbation of the committee. The perfect order, neatness, promptness and correctness of recitations and the untiring assiduity of the teacher which characterize this school, must render it a desirable place for the pupil, as it most emphatically is for committed and visitors. As a teacher, Miss Mason has no superiors; and her equals deserve the highest rewards.

The Grammar School for boys in the Bartlett School house, kept by Mr. J. P. Payson, fully sustains its reputation as one of the first rank for order, promptness, punctuality, thoroughness of instruction, and for all the characteristics of our best schools. Such an institution reflects honor upon the city, and is the highest expression of gratitude to those venerable pioneers of education who laid the foundation of our common schools.

Annexed are the financial and statistical reports for the current year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL M. DEMERITT,
JOHN S. HARVEY,
CHARLES A. SHANNON,
JOHN W. FERNALD,
BENJAMIN MURRAY,
WILLARD BROWN,
WILLIAM R. MARTIN,

School Committee of District No. 1.

Portsmouth, March, 1856.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT No. 2.

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN,—The School Committee for District No. 2, present the following as their annual report.

There are connected with the schools in this District 431 scholars. This total includes only the names of those actually attending the schools at the time of the annual examinations. These scholars are distributed among 7 schools of 3 distinct grades. There are two Grammar Schools, one for boys and one for girls; two Intermediate Schools, one for boys and one for girls; two Primary Schools, embracing children of both sexes, and the School at the Plains including all the scholars, of all ages and all degrees of advancement, in that neighborhood. We think our school system as good a one as can be devised, involving as it does a regular gradation from the lower to the higher, and designed to take the child from his alphabet and conduct him to the High School where he may complete a good business education, or be fitted for College. Nothing is needed to perfect the system.

The Grammar school for boys is under the same instructors as it was at the close of last year. Mr. Timothy G. Senter is principal and Miss Sarah A. Whittem is assistant. The whole number of scholars at the time of the annual examination was 78. The school, we think, has fully sustained the character it has heretofore won, and in the opinion of a member of the committee who was on the board the year previous, there has been a decided improvement.—Nearly all the exercises on the day of examination were respectable, and some of them were excellent. We think the principal exhibits a paternal interest in the scholars, and labors to diffuse a healthy moral sentiment throughout the school. The labors of his assistant have given us the highest satisfaction.

But this school has serious obstacles to contend with in the irregularity of the attendance and truancy of the scholars.—On the first visit of the member of the board to whom this school was assigned he took the names of 12 boys who had been detected in truancy. And besides this there are some inveterate drones in this school who must give the teachers admirable opportunity of daily obeying the apostolic injunction—"Let patience have her perfect work."

Miss H. L. Hill continues to teach the Grammar school for girls. This has enjoyed the highest reputation for years, and in our opinion richly merits it. We consider it very nearly a model school. There is a beautiful blending of an almost noiseless quiet with an evident mental activity which makes a visit to this school room exceedingly grateful. We can desire nothing better for this school than that it may continue for years to come under the instruction of its present excellent teacher. The whole number connected with this school on the day of examination was 56.

The Intermediate school for boys is still taught by Mr. John Durgin. The whole number reported as having been connected with this school for the year, is 106. Average attendance 62. These numbers indicate great irregularity in attendance. Many of the boys are compelled for a portion of the year to labor in the factories or elsewhere. The standing of the school must suffer from this fact; but it is in the power neither of the committee nor of the teacher to apply the remedy. A higher appreciation of the value of an education is needed by the parents, or they need to be pressed by a less urgent necessity for the earnings of their children. The reading in this school is not good. The recitations in Arithmetic and Geography were good.

It is believed Mr. Durgin labors diligently and conscientiously in the discharge of his duties.

Miss A. E. Mendum continues in charge of the Intermediate school for girls. The committee saw satisfactory evidence of fidelity on the part of the teacher here. The order is good. Whole number of scholars 61.

The Primary school, in Cabot st. is taught by Miss M. M. Ham. The number of scholars was about one hundred in the early part of the year, and though now somewhat reduced, is still too large for any one teacher. Miss H. has labored with her usual diligence and success, and merits the commendations of previous years. With so large a number of scholars, if a little attention is given to each one daily, every thing must be hurried. Neither the teacher nor the scholar has time to articulate distinctly. The remedy must be found in a division of the school. Whole number of scholars 74.

The Primary school formerly taught by Mrs. Townsend has been for the greater part of this year under the charge of Miss Susan Jane Clapham. The improvement in this school has been very marked and general. The committee think

they were very fortunate in their selection of a new teacher. The whole number of scholars is 61—which is all the room will accommodate.

The Plains school has been taught during the entire year by Miss Lydia Wheeler. The whole number of scholars is 40. The member of the committee residing at the Plains has frequently visited the school and has reported its condition to be satisfactory. We were able to make but one visit to this school, and on that day but a little more than half the number of scholars were present. We were gratified with what we saw and heard, and were pleased to learn that the school had given very general satisfaction to the parents.— We decidedly approve the plan of employing a lady who is capable of teaching the school the entire year, instead of employing, as heretofore, a gentleman for the winter term and a lady for the summer term. The scholars are nearly the same for both terms, and the experiment has shown that a lady has no difficulty in maintaining the discipline of the school.

It may not be a very grateful subject to tax-payers, but the committee feel called upon, as their predecessors have done, to urge upon your attention the condition of our school rooms. Neither of the other districts has such wretched school accommodations as we have. The building at the Plains, though comparatively a new one, is sadly out of repair. The rattling of the windows and blinds during the visit of the committee nearly drowned the voices of the children. We cannot complain of the ventilation. It is about as perfect as can be conceived. The builders, without probably consulting any of the able treatises on ventilation, have actually constructed a building which is most thoroughly ventilated. Fresh currents of air have a very free circulation in every direction through the room. There were apprehensions a few years since that the spreading of the walls outward might end in the falling of the roof. As a precautionary measure it was determined to extend large iron rods across the room, from wall to wall, by which the sides of the building should be bound together, and the lives of the children rendered more safe. The manner in which this was done deserves to be examined as furnishing one of the finest illustrations of how *jobs* are *sometimes* done for the city, and how city funds are sometimes expended. Permit us to urge the necessity of giving immediate attention to the condition of the Plains school house.

The building in Cabot street is, if possible, in a worse condition than that at the Plains. Everything about it, the fence, the yard and the entrance, has a slatternly and uncomfortable look, and as you enter it the impression made by the exterior is only confirmed. We visited the school in the lower room on one of the coldest days of this winter. The plastering and fallen down in several places and was plainly threatening that it would fall in others. There was scarcely a perceptible change in passing from the atmosphere without to that within the school room—so freely could the one mingle with the other. The teacher, wrapped in her shawl, and about thirty little children were huddled together around the stove—the whole body of the school room being deserted on account of the cold. No amount of heat in the stove could render the extreme parts of the room tolerable in a cold day. There has been during this severe winter an unusual degree of sickness among the children, and how much of it has had its origin in the wretched condition of the school room it might be impossible to determine. It is, however, significant that a winter of such general healthfulness throughout the city, should have been distinguished for the amount of sickness in this school.

Let us pass around to the other door. This admits you to a contracted entry, and to a flight of stairs, very narrow, and not quite as steep as a ladder. The room to which these stairs conduct you is occupied by Mr. Durgin's school, and though in a somewhat better condition than that below, is neither convenient, nor comfortable, nor healthy. The whole building is ill constructed, exceedingly out of repair, and wholly unfit to be occupied as a school house.

We forbear to speak of other rooms, because the erection of the new building for the High schools, may, by causing the rooms now occupied by these schools to be vacated, furnish improved accommodations to some of the lower schools.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM LAMSON, CHARLES HAYES,
R. O. TREADWELL, JOHN KNOWLTON 2d,
I. B. CLAGGETT, THO'S L. TULLOCK,
M. BUFFORD, *Committee.*

Portsmouth, March 20, 1856.

REPORT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT No. 3.

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Portsmouth:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee of School District No. 3 for the municipal year now closing, in compliance with statute regulation, respectfully submit their report of the condition of the schools under their supervision.

In making this report, it seems almost impossible to say anything which has not been said, sung or written, many times before; nevertheless, the truth will bear repeating.—We have striven to infuse life and energy throughout the whole school system, thereby improving and elevating each school—trusting that those who are to follow us will sustain and carry forward the good work. The graduating system upon which our schools are based, (and it is believed to be the best that can be devised,) seems to require the continued attention of the Committee in order to keep its machinery in successful operation.

The arrangement and location of the schools in this District are the same as they have been for the past six years. The number of schools is also the same, being four, viz.: Primary, Intermediate, Grammar, and the Lafayette school, so called.

The Primary school was taught by Miss Sarah E. Moses and Miss Anna M. Hall, until the middle of October last, when, in consequence of ill health, a leave of absence was granted to Miss Hall, and her place was supplied temporarily by Miss Clara E. Blunt, who manifests much zeal and interest in her position, and performs her duties well. Miss Moses and Miss Hall are too well known in the District to need any particular mention of ours—suffice it to say, they enjoy the love of their pupils, thereby securing their obedience and the confidence of the parents. Peculiar qualifications and tact are required for the success of schools of this grade; and in this particular we think this school is highly favored. Great progress in study is not looked for, neither ought continued application of mind to be expected, nor should long confinement of body be required. Good order, and strict attention to the instruction of the teachers during short periods, are all that can be reasonably desired. Children are received at this school at the age of four years and upwards. The whole number of different scholars attending this school during the

year, 205; present number, 146 (boys 84, girls 62); average attendance, 116; transferred to Intermediate school, 31.—The annual exhibition of this school was exceedingly pleasing. There was a uniformity in the exercises which gave evidence of skill and faithful drilling on the part of the teachers.

The Intermediate school is still under the instruction of Mrs. D. N. Shackford and Miss Adeline Tucker, who continue with united effort and strict fidelity, to labor for the improvement of their school. The whole number attending during the year, 139 (girls 70, boys 69); average attendance, 75.—A great improvement has been made in the appearance of this school the past year. At the last examination the recitations were prompt, and good order prevailed without restraint. It has long been observed with regret by Committees, that parents are in great haste to have their children leave this grade of school to enter the next higher, or Grammar school. It is a great mistake. The scholars who are found in this grade of school are generally of that age when impressions are most easily received and retained.—Hence the great importance that those impressions should be correct, inasmuch as they form the very foundation of all future education. We would say then to parents, be patient and allow your children time to have first principles well established in their minds, thereby securing to them a more rapid progress when they shall enter the higher school.

The Grammar school is under the charge of Mr. John F. Patten as principal, and the Misses A. C. and E. M. Marshall as assistants. The Principal, Mr. Patten, has held his office twenty-one months, and evidently begins to feel at home in his present position. He is kind and courteous towards his pupils, yet maintains his position as "Master;" and we find him in every respect competent for the situation. The Misses Marshall need no extended notice of ours. They have for many years enjoyed a high reputation in their vocation, and never stood higher than at the present time. They are firm, faithful and respected. The whole number of different scholars attending during the year, 181 (boys 112, girls 96); present number enrolled, 164; average attendance, 96; transferred to the High school, last August, 20. The last examination of this school reflected much credit upon both teachers and scholars—on the former for their happy faculty of imparting knowledge, and on the latter for the studious manner in which they have applied themselves to acquire it. Excel-

lent order prevailed, and all the recitations passed off to the entire satisfaction of the Committee, and received the approbation of many parents and friends who were present. This school has suffered more or less in its general character from the evil influences of a few troublesome and turbulent boys, who apply for admission during the winter months, intending to leave again early in the spring, and who seem to expect to trample "rough shod" upon the prescribed rules of the school. One instance in particular of this nature occurred during the past winter, which the Committee think proper to notice in this report, hoping it may be salutary as a warning. On investigating the matter it proved to be an aggravated case of repeated disobedience and of absolute refusal on the part of the boys to obey the reasonable requirements of the teacher, founded upon the prescribed rules and regulations of the school. The Committee regretted exceedingly to witness a disposition on the part of the father of the boys to uphold them in their rebellious disposition,—whereas, if he had enjoined upon his children submission to the teacher's authority, the case would not have happened.

Parents cannot do worse for their children, or work a greater injury to a school, than to countenance disobedience to wholesome laws, or to speak disrespectfully of its teacher in the presence of their children. Disobedience to one order prepares the way for and leads to the disregard of another, and if this is not checked in the outset it will inevitably destroy the good order and discipline which are of vital importance to the success of every school. "Order is Heaven's first law," and if there is an earthly spot where it ought to be preserved, it is the school room. Aside from the case above referred to, everything has gone on smoothly, and at the present time the greatest harmony prevails.

The Lafayette School is situated on the Lafayette road, 3 miles from the city, and for the past year its interests have been placed more immediately under the supervision of a sub-committee of two, who reside in that section of the district. This school for the summer term was favored with the services of Miss Mary W. Tucker, a lady well-known to the district as an able and efficient teacher, possessing a very happy manner in imparting knowledge, and exhibiting energy and tact in managing her school. At the close of her term (6 months,) the examination of her classes was most satisfactory, and we pronounced it in every particular an excellent

school. The winter term was taught by Mr. A. C. Hoyt, a young man of several years experience in teaching elsewhere, and if we were allowed to judge from a single visit to his school, we should pronounce him master of his profession. The order was good and the recitations exhibited a good knowledge of the studies to which the attention of the pupils had been directed. Mr. Hoyt's term of 5 months closes on the 13th of April next. The whole number attending each term of this school, 34; average attendance 26, its usual number, notwithstanding the severity of the past winter. The Committee would congratulate the people who have children at this school, on their good fortune in having such able teachers appointed to this school for the past two years, thus enabling it to compare favorably with any school of its grade in the city. We hope they may continue to be thus favored in future.

We are compelled to refer again to that most serious obstacle to the prosperity of our schools—the irregularity in the attendance of the pupils. We wish we could command words that would be felt by every parent in the district. A mere glance at the average attendance at the Grammar School compared with the whole number enrolled, will show how great this evil has been during the past year. We may have the best school houses, the finest text books, the most faithful teachers, and the most vigilant committees, but we cannot have a good school while one-half the pupils are absent from one-fourth to one-half the time. Will parents whose eyes meet these lines *resolve* that nothing but the sternest necessity shall lead them to permit their children to be absent from school. They owe it to the teacher; they owe it to the reputation of the school; and more than all, they owe it to their children to do this.

The financial and statistical reports for the past year are herewith presented.

A. Q. WENDELL,
SAMUEL CLARK,
RICHARD WALDRON,
HENRY T. CURTIS,
WILLIAM MARVIN,
BENJ. ODION, 2d,
AARON LANG,

School Committee of District No. 3

Portsmouth, March, 1856.

SCHEDULE

Of the names of the instructors, number of pupils attending, etc. at the several public schools in the city, for the year ending March 31, 1856.

Names of Instructors.	Whole number of scholars 4 years of age and upwards attending school not less than two weeks.	Females.	Males.	Average attendance.	No. over 16 years of age.	No. between 4 and 16, attending not less than two weeks.
HIGH SCHOOLS.						
A. M. Payson	}	95	95	65	3	92
Amie Palmer, Assistant						
Phineas Nichols,	}	136	136	95	35	101
Arabella C. Morgan, 1st Ass't						
Susan E. Gray, 2d "						
		231	136	95	160	38
						193
DISTRICT NO. 1.						
John P. Payson		94	94	62	5	89
J. Sullivan Rand		108	38	70	2	106
Charles A. Shannon	}	43	12	31	30	1
D. N. Vennard						
Abby S. Patten	}	102	53	49	80	102
M. J. Tobey						
Caroline A. Mason		98	98	66		98
Lusena B. Mullen		105	44	61	55	105
Anna M. Manson		95	42	53	58	95
		645	287	358	401	8
						637
DISTRICT NO. 2.						
Timothy G. Senter	}	112	112	79		112
Sarah A. Whittem, Ass't						
John Durgin		102	102	62		102
Lydia Wheeler		49	22	27	34	1
Ann E. Mendum		108	108	64		108
Harriet L. Hill		83	83	58		83
Susan J. Clapham		60	30	30	40	60
Marion M. Ham		160	88	72	74	160
		674	331	343	411	1
						673

DISTRICT NO. 3.

J. F. Patten	}	181	69	112	96	47	164
Ann C. Marshal							
Eliza M. Marshal							
Dorothy N. Shackford	}	139	70	69	75		139
Adaline Tucker							
Samuel C. Hoyt		36	18	18	26	6	30
Sarah E. Moses	}	205	89	116	110		205
Anna E. Hall							
		<u>561</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>538</u>

RECAPITULATION.

High Schools	231	136	95	160	38	193
District No. 1	645	287	358	401	8	637
District No. 2	674	331	343	74	1	673
District No. 3	561	246	305	307	23	538
	<u>2111</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>1101</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>2041</u>

STUDIES.

In the High School for Boys—Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, History, Philosophy, Chemistry, Astronomy, Book-Keeping, Composition, the Latin, Greek and French languages, &c.

High School for Girls—Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, History, Natural and Intellectual Philosophy, the French language and Physical Geography.

District No. 1. In Mr. Payson's School—Reading, Spelling, Writing, Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography, and Book-keeping.

In Mr. Rand's School—Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography.

In Mr. Shannon's and Miss Vennard's School—Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography and Book-keeping.

In Miss Mason's School—Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar.

In Miss Manson's School—Reading, Spelling, Defining, Writing, Geography and Arithmetic.

In Mrs. Mullen's and Miss Tobey's Schools—Reading, Spelling and Arithmetic.

District No. 2. In Mr. Senter's School—Reading, Spelling, Defining, Writing, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geography and Grammar.

In Mr. Durgin's School—Reading, Spelling, Defining, Geography, Grammar and Arithmetic.

In Miss Wheeler's School—Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar and Writing.

In Miss Mendum's School—Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography and Writing.

In Miss Hill's School—Reading, Spelling, Writing, Grammar, Arithmetic and Geography.

In Misses Ham's and Clapham's Schools—Reading, Spelling Arithmetic and Geography.

District No. 3. In Mr. J. F. Patten's and Misses Marshalls' School—Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar and History.

In Mr. A. C. Hoyt's School—Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar and History.

In Mrs. Shackford's and Miss Tucker's School—Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic and Geography.

In Misses Hall's and Moses's School—Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic and Mental Exercises.

The School at the Gravelly Ridge was kept by Miss Vennard in the summer and by Mr. Shannon in the winter.

EXPENDITURES.

Abstract of Expenditures of the several School Committees for the year
ending March 31, 1856.

High Schools.

For Teachers,	2695 04	
Wood and Coal,	145 57	
Contingencies,	72 30	
	<hr/>	2912 91

District No. 1.

For Teachers,	2493 75	
Wood,	254 56	
Contingencies,	82 23	
Expenditures prior to 1855,	117 99	
	<hr/>	2948 53

District No. 2.

For Teachers,	2402 33	
Wood,	190 41	
Contingencies,	93 96	
	<hr/>	2686 70

District No. 3.

For Teachers,	2040 00	
Wood and Coal,	271 16	
Contingent Expenses,	133 16	
	<hr/>	2444 32
		<hr/>
		10,992 46

ADDRESS

OF THE

Hon. Richard Jenness, Mayor,

AT THE

ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL,

PORTSMOUTH, MARCH 25, 1856.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

We are assembled here to take upon ourselves the trust committed to us by our fellow citizens, of administering the affairs of the City for the ensuing year.

We are bound, in return for the generous confidence reposed in us, and by our oaths of office, to exert all our energies to promote the happiness and well-being of the city.

I shall not on this occasion take up the affairs of the different departments in detail, which may come under our supervision and care, for the reason that the heads of those departments have already made reports of their condition, which are printed, and are before you; and for the reason, also, that any citizen may bring before us any suggestion he may wish to make, or any grievance of which he is cognizant.

I find, on an examination of the City Records, that in the year 1829, the first year after the change in the valuation of property liable to taxation, the amount of inventory was \$4,115,988, and the amount of tax raised was \$15,777, or 38-10 mills on a dollar;—while in 1855 the amount of inventory was \$5,961,200, and the amount of tax \$50,004 19, or 81-2 mills on the dollar. In 1849, the year previous to the adoption of the City Charter, the amount of the tax was

\$36,991 41, showing an increase of our annual tax, during the six years of our city government, of \$13,013 08. Also, the City debt has increased from \$54,977 80 to \$63,402 45 in the same period. This is a large, and it seems to me, an unnecessary increase in our City expenditures.

While, therefore, I would not recommend the withholding appropriations for all necessary objects, I would earnestly propose a careful revision of the whole list of expenditures, that our burdens may be made lighter, if possible.

I would advise a liberal appropriation for the support of our excellent school system, although it comes under our control only in raising the means; as, upon the proper training of the rising generation depends the success of our Republican Institutions, and the moral well-being of society.

With regard to legislation, I would remark, that our laws should never be far in advance or behind the opinions of the majority of the people. Nor should severe penalties be imposed for minor offences, as the result usually is that no punishment follows; and it often happens that the best philanthropic movements are retarded and jeopardized by the intemperate zeal of those who seek from legislation what can best be obtained by other means.

The morals of a community are worthy the attention of every wise and beneficent citizen; and it is especially incumbent upon us, from our position as guardians of the public weal, to maintain such measures as shall conduce to the general peace and happiness.

I believe, and I say it with pride, that this city will favorably compare with any other of its population in the State, in the conduct of its citizens. But I would not relax our exertions for improving or maintaining those regulations which relate to morals, as man, surrounded by temptations and prone to error, needs the restraints which wise laws can give him.

I leave you, gentlemen, in the confidence that I shall have your aid and sympathy in the performance of my duties, and I hope we shall be reasonably successful in the administration of the affairs of the City.

CITY ORGANIZATION.

1856.

Mayor,—RICHARD JENNESS.

Ward 1.

Ward 2.

Ward 3.

Aldermen.

Moses H. Goodrich,
William Rand.

Samuel Rowell,
Moses Yeaton,
William Tucker.

Abraham Q. Wendell,
Gideon H. Rundlett.

Common Council,—ALBERT R. HATCH, President.

Acanthus Young,
Joseph Perkins,
Oliver F. Gerrish,
Joseph P. Trefethen,
Leonard Manson,
Nathaniel K. Raynes,

James Odiorne,
James M. Carr,
Joseph B. Adams,
Charles E. Main,
Daniel P. Clark,
Hamti Kenney,
William B. Lowd,
Joshua Brooks,
Joseph W. Neal.

Thomas H. Odion,
Albert R. Hatch,
James Janvrin,
Andrew J. Beck,
Samuel Langdon,
Henry F. Wendell.

Assessors.

Gilman Dearborn,
George W. Jenness,

Jonathan Barker,
William Conn,
Edmund M. Brown.

Francis Marden,
Andrew Lowd.

Overseers of the Poor.

Butterfield Carkin.

William Bodge.

Joseph B. Chase.

Moderators.

Nathaniel D. Miller.

Robert Lefavour.

Albert R. Hatch.

Selectmen.

William H. Dennett,
Leonard Dodge,
Augustus Todd.

John Knowlton, 2d.
Nathaniel B. Dame,
Edward J. Moulton.

Nehemiah Moses,
Richard Walden,
Aaron L. Rand.

Town Clerks.

Gardner J. Greenleaf.

Benjamin F. Webster.

Charles F. Adams.

School Committee.

George Chesley,
Amos T. Goodrich,
Robert Gray,
Levi Carkin,
Nathaniel K. Raynes,
Benjamin Cheever,
Solomon Seymour.

Robert O. Treadwell,
Ichabod B. Claggett,
Thomas L. Tullock,
John Knowlton, 2d.
Charles Hayes,
Joseph H. Foster,
Lyman D. Spalding.

Richard Tripe,
Richard Walden,
Samuel Clark,
Samuel Langdon,
George W. Drake,
Benjamin Odion,
Enoch Bartlett.

Representatives to General Court.

Solomon Seymour,
Augustus Jenkins.

Ichabod Goodwin,
Thomas L. Tullock,
C. C. Whittemore.

Obadiah Stoddard,
Bartholomew Barri.

City Clerk, John Bennett. *Clerk of Com. Council*, Freeman G. Beal.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

Bills on 2d Reading—Ald. Rundlett and Rowell.

Enrollment—The Mayor and Ald. Goodrich.

Police—Ald. Rundlett and Yeaton.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance—The Mayor, Ald. Rundlett and Tucker.

Engrossing Bills—Ald. Wendell and Yeaton.

City Lands and Buildings—Ald. Yeaton and Goodrich.

Streets, Roads and Bridges—Ald. Goodrich and Rowell.

Fire Department—Ald. Tucker and Rand.

School Houses—Ald. Rundlett and Tucker.

Claims—Ald. Rand and Wendell.

Burial Grounds—Ald. Rowell and Rand.

Printing—Ald. Rundlett and Rowell.

COMMON COUNCIL.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

Elections—Messrs. Wendell, Brooks and Manson.

Bills, & c., on 2d Reading—Messrs. Gerrish, Clark and Wendell.

On the Journal—Messrs. Trefethen, Lowd and Brooks.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance—Messrs. T. H. Odion, Carr and Young.

Engrossing Bills—Messrs. Raynes, Lowd and Langdon.

City Lands & Buildings—Messrs. J. Odiorne, Perkins, and Janvrin.

Streets, Roads & Bridges—Messrs. Langdon, Adams and Manson.

Fire Department—Messrs. Beck, Neal and Raynes.

School Houses—Messrs. Janvrin, Trefethen and Main.

Claims—Messrs. Carr, Kenney and Gerrish.

Burial Grounds—Messrs. Perkins, Kenney and Beck.

Printing—Messrs. Young, Odiorne and Odion.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills on 2d Reading—Ald. Runkle and Howell

Engagement—The Mayor and Ald. Goodrich

Police—Ald. Runkle and Yeaton

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance—The Mayor, Ald. Runkle and Tucker

Engineering Bills—Ald. Wendell and Yeaton

City Lands and Buildings—Ald. Yeaton and Goodrich

Streets, Roads and Bridges—Ald. Goodrich and Howell

Fire Department—Ald. Tucker and Rand

School Houses—Ald. Runkle and Tucker

Clubs—Ald. Rand and Wendell

Burnt Grounds—Ald. Howell and Rand

Printing—Ald. Runkle and Howell

COMMON COUNCIL.—STANDING COMMITTEES

Elections—Messrs. Wendell, Brooks and Manson

Bills, &c., on 2d Reading—Messrs. Gerish, Clark and Wendell

On the Journal—Messrs. Tiedeman, Low and Brooks

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance—Messrs. T. H. Odion, Carr and Young

Engineering Bills—Messrs. Hayes, Low and Langdon

City Lands & Buildings—Messrs. J. Osborne, Perkins and Langdon

Streets, Roads & Bridges—Messrs. Langdon, Adams and Manson

Fire Department—Messrs. Beck, Neal and Hayes

School Houses—Messrs. Tiedeman and Main

Clubs—Messrs. Tiedeman and Gerish

Burnt Grounds—Messrs. Perkins, Kennedy and Beck

Printing—Messrs. Young, Odion and Odion

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